

RURAL LANDS

We understand there is significant interest in the community about our rural lands and how they are managed. Although we have undertaken planning control reviews and community surveys in the past, we have not undertaken a full evidence based Rural Lands Study since 1995. A lot has changed since that time.



Council has recently appointed a consultant to undertake a Rural Lands Study to set the strategic direction for the rural areas within Hornsby Shire.



The study will help Council decide how Rural Lands will be managed into the future. It will address the State Government's requirement to use place based planning to maintain the values of rural areas and deliver targeted environmental, social and economic outcomes.



The first step in a place based planning approach is to break the rural areas down to smaller landscape areas and develop a character statement for each. This enables a study which provides specific recommendations for individual areas.

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July 2019	Study Commenced
Aug 2019	Background research Launch of photo competition
Sep - Oct 2019	Community consultation on identified 'landscape areas' and character statements
Nov 2019	Work continues on the study including recommendations for each landscape area
Dec 2019	Draft Rural Lands Study due late 2019
2020	Exhibition of draft Rural Lands Study
2020	Council to consider community feedback and next steps

RELATED STUDIES

- Economic Development and Tourism Strategy
- Employment Land Use Study

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