

## **LEGISLATION SUMMARY**

### **Know your acronyms**

**LGA** Local Government Area - Pittwater amalgamated & became a ward within Northern Beaches LGA

**LEP** Local Environment Plan - legally required guidelines council use to govern and direct land usage

**DCP** Development Control Plan - supporting guidelines with expanded details to control development

**TCP** Tree Canopy Plan - supporting guidelines to control and guide the preservation of urban tree canopy

**DPE** Department of Planning and Environment, State of NSW

**SEPP** the State Environmental Planning Policies

**NBC** Northern Beaches Council

### **What is the status of our Local Environment plan and why is it so important to Pittwater?**

*An LEP prescribes zoning of land and sets out the range of permissible and prohibited development types within an LGA. Councils are required to rewrite an LEP every 10 years to stay up-to-date with NSW state planning instruments. Northern Beaches council will soon draft a new LEP to encompass its larger amalgamated local government area. This will replace the previous Pittwater, Manly and Warringah Councils' LEPs.*

In preparation, NBC shared two documents for public feedback: in 2021 a discussion paper around LEP issues, and in late 2022 a support document called the "Conservation Zones Review" whereby some conservation zoned lots were proposed to be rezoned as residential, mostly in the Pittwater ward. Council exhibited the review online and notified (by mail) only those residents whose property zoning would change. The rezoning criteria proved to be highly contentious and the residential types were not specified.

### **What did residents think of the first Conservation Zones Review?**

The Conservation Zones Review met with 935 submissions from concerned residents worried about the rezoning of a significant amount of existing conservation land to residential, the excessive increase in development and the lack of value placed on tree canopy, flora and fauna, scenic beauty and local characteristics. Due to overwhelming community response Northern Beaches council is reviewing the zoning criteria and redrafting the document.

### **Click here to read community feedback**

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### **What's next and what can you do?**

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Canopy Keepers is working with other community groups to promote better policies and practices for the protection of Pittwater's tree canopy and wildlife corridors. We'll let you know when it's time to review the next draft of the Conservation Zones Review as well as the draft LEP (which will incorporate new zoning resulting from Conservations Review) so you don't miss the opportunity to have your say and help protect our environment.