

I understand your group, at the time of the draft SEQRP's release, made a submission requesting the Urban Footprint be constrained only to the mountain's three village centres as opposed to the larger area which was ultimately included. I also note your group is concerned the term 'urban' does not fit the character of Tamborine Mountain.

As you may be aware, the SEQRP broadly defines land across the region into three land use categories – Urban Footprint, Rural Living Area, and Regional Landscape and Rural Production area – all of which are represented on Tamborine Mountain. The term 'urban' differentiates land from the latter two categories and is purposely broad enough to also include the smaller towns and villages of the region's hinterland that have established centres, albeit with varying levels of infrastructure.

The rationale for the selection of land for inclusion in the Urban Footprint included consideration of areas across the whole of the region that had the potential to contribute to the pressing issue of how and where to accommodate the levels of growth anticipated to occur in the region up to 2031.

It is important to note however, the inclusion of land such as that on Tamborine Mountain in the Urban Footprint does not imply all such lands can be developed for urban purposes. Although broadly identified as 'urban', these areas were always intended to be subject to finer analysis at the local planning level to ensure the development that ultimately occurs reflects the character and scale of the individual community.

Your group may know the SEQRP is currently being reviewed in response to updated population forecasts for the region to the year 2041. This Government remains committed to delivering a new draft regional plan for public consultation in early 2016 and your group is encouraged to participate in the shaping of this plan at that time.

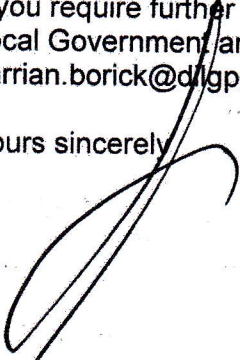
At a local level, the Scenic Rim Regional Council (the Council) is currently preparing a new planning scheme for the Scenic Rim area, replacing the existing three planning schemes for the former Beaudesert Shire, Boonah Shire and part of the Ipswich City Council areas.

The Council advised it has undertaken public consultation on its *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme Project Draft Consultation Report for Policy Positioning, June–September 2013* and the *Scenic Rim Planning Scheme Project Directions Paper, March–May 2014*. The new planning scheme will be informed by the above public consultation and analysis of the region, including the diverse economies and communities such as Tamborine Mountain, in order to protect the values that its residents, the Scenic Rim and the SEQ region as a whole currently enjoy.

Your group can participate in the public consultation on the Council's draft Scenic Rim Planning Scheme, which is anticipated during 2016. Updates on this can be viewed on the Council's website at [www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au](http://www.scenicrim.qld.gov.au), or alternatively you can contact the Council on (07) 5540 5115 or by email at [mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@scenicrim.qld.gov.au).

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