

MEDIA RELEASE

PUBLIC HEARING ON SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION PLANNING PROPOSAL IN BYRON SHIRE

Monday 16 January 2023

The NSW Independent Planning Commission will hold an in-person Public Hearing at the Byron Community Centre (69 Jonson Street, Byron Bay, NSW 2481) from 21 to 23 February 2023 on housing and rental affordability and rental availability in the Byron Shire, the economic contribution of the Short Term Rental Accommodation industry in the Byron Shire and the Byron Shire Council's proposal to cap Short Term Rental Accommodation.

The Minister for Planning has asked the Commission to hold the Public Hearing and prepare advice to the Minister and the Department of Planning and Environment to inform decision-making on Council's planning proposal and on housing and rental affordability and rental availability in the Byron Shire more generally.

Commissioners Sheridan Coakes (Chair), Professor Richard Mackay AM and Juliet Grant have been appointed to form the Commission Panel.

The Commission will conduct the Public Hearing over three days as a livestreamed event in Byron Bay with registered speakers participating in person or via online videoconference or telephone. The livestream broadcast online will be accessible via www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/livestream.

The Commission Panel will have access to all previous submissions made to the Byron Shire Council on this proposal.

Anyone wishing to have their say at the Public Hearing must pre-register on the Commission's website using the Speaker Registration Form. Registrations will open on 16 January 2023 and close on at 5pm AEDT on Friday 10 February 2023.

Written submissions can also be lodged using the 'Have Your Say' portal on the Commission's website: https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/have-your-say. Written submissions will be accepted until 5pm AEST on Thursday 2 March 2023.

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