

From BirdLife Shoalhaven



Subject **Support for Council decision re Rezoning of Heritage Estate**

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Attention: General Manager

On behalf of the 150 members of BirdLife Shoalhaven, I would like to make a submission to Council concerning the rezoning of the Heritage Estate (and adjacent estates) from Rural (RU2) to Environment Conservation Zoning (E2). We support and commend the Council's decision supporting the rezoning.

The Estates are a critical wildlife corridor between the Jervis Bay National Park, the Booderee National Park and surrounding areas, and the rezoning will help to prevent isolation of fauna populations within the Booderee Peninsula, thus helping to ensure its continued biodiversity. The area is home to the endangered Eastern Bristle-bird, and the rezoning will prevent a great reduction in its available habitat from occurring.

We hope to see the Council follow through with its decision after the exhibiting of the rezoning proposal and the request for written comments which are due by Friday May 9th 2014. The Commonwealth funding enabling the buy-back of lots in the Estates will mean that Shoalhaven ratepayers and the individual Estate land owners are not out of pocket while at the same time preserving the environmental health of the Jervis Bay region and the St Georges Basin catchment - a win-win situation for all concerned.

BirdLife Shoalhaven congratulates Shoalhaven City Council on its decision, and hopes that Council continues to support the natural areas within the Shoalhaven that have made the region an outstanding destination for eco-tourists and lovers of nature because of the abundance and diversity of our fauna and flora species, and most especially our birds.

Regards,

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