

NSW Government planning exhibitions from September 2024

Please note this is not an exhaustive list – a search in the Portal database provided this list of policies impacting the Kiama LGA.

#	Exhibition	Exhibition period	Scope
1	Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Plan	31 Jul – 28 Sep 2026	Regional, includes Kiama
2	<i>Proposed reforms for assessment of early learning services</i>	<i>7 Jul – 17 Aug 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
3	<i>Improving Development Assessment, discussion paper</i>	<i>2 – 30 Jul 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
4	<i>Standard and model conditions of consent, explanation of intended effect</i>	<i>2 – 30 Jul 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
5	<i>Vibrant Precincts SEPP, explanation of intended effect</i>	<i>7 Jun – 7 Jul 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
6	<i>Variations and changes to complying development, explanation of intended effect</i>	<i>14 May – 24 Jun 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
7	<i>Low-rise housing and targeted assessment, discussion paper</i>	<i>14 May – 24 Jun 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
8	<i>Proposed changes to improve coastal management and support blue carbon projects</i>	<i>4 May – 1 Jun 2026</i>	<i>State-wide, coastal councils</i>
9	<i>Proposed statewide Community Participation Plan</i>	<i>8 Apr – 3 Jun 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
10	<i>Climate Change and Natural Hazards SEPP</i>	<i>17 Feb – 16 Mar 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
11	<i>Establishing the Development Coordination Authority</i>	<i>29 Jan – 25 Feb 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
12	<i>Statewide Policy for Industrial Lands</i>	<i>10 Dec 2025 – 27 Feb 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
13	<i>A New Approach to Strategic Planning, discussion paper</i>	<i>10 Dec 2025 – 27 Feb 2026</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
14	<i>Proposed changes to the Community Participation Plan (first round)</i>	<i>19 Jun – 17 Jul 2025</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
15	<i>Housing and Productivity Contribution, works-in-kind guideline</i>	<i>19 Jun – 17 Jul 2025</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
16	<i>Protecting our trees: changes to deter illegal clearing</i>	<i>23 Apr – 4 Jun 2025</i>	<i>State-wide</i>
17	<i>Cultural SEPP, explanation of intended effect</i>	<i>15 Nov 2024 – 7 Feb 2025</i>	<i>State-wide</i>

Note: Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan (Transport for NSW), reported closed 9 February 2026.

This is not a Department of Planning exhibition, so has not been included to avoid confusion, but relates to Point 4 of the Notice of Motion.



Community Engagement Strategy 2024-2028

Your community, your say



Community preferences

Receive Council information Multiple mediums, with a preference for: - Local newspapers - Regular e-newsletter - Rates notice/brochure in letterbox - Council's social media pages - Council website	Provide Council with input and feedback: Multiple mediums, with a preference for: - Filling out a survey - Writing a letter or email - Community pop-ups - Quick online polls - Phone call
Interested to be engaged on - Town planning and development (65%) - Opportunities to provide feedback on Council projects (48%) - Environment and land/coastal management (35%) - Parks, venues, playgrounds, recreational facilities (34%) - Roadworks and infrastructure (26%)	

"It sounds like you're asking the right questions"

"In 52 years in the area, there's been lots of change!"

"Progress can be qualitative not quantitative"

"Youth are often not interested in engaging with council, too busy with other things!"

"Council needs to repair the community's trust before it can move forward"

"Ratepayers are looking for outcomes, not more talk"

"You can reach young parents at the gym, pre-schools, Leisure Centre and daycares"

"Council needs to close the loop and be transparent"

"If we spend time making a submission, we really want to know how our input has made a difference"

"Students liked feeling heard and giving feedback on big issues impacting the community."

"Our youth are the future of our community, so being heard is something that is very important to today's society."

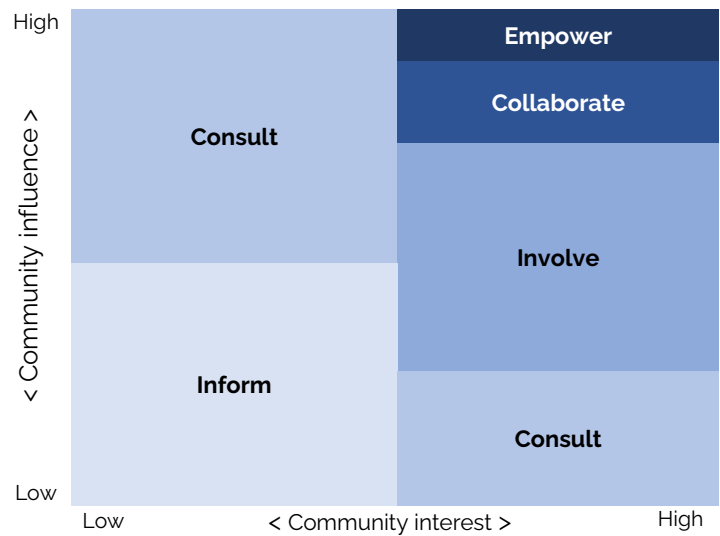


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Community engagement opportunities

Community engagement is undertaken when there is an opportunity for impacted communities to influence specific actions, outcomes or decisions, or when there is a legislative requirement to do so. The following matrix allows project teams to determine if engagement is required, to what degree, and which stakeholders will need to be engaged.



Note: If community engagement is not required or desired, Council should inform the community about the action, outcome or decision being made.

Roles and responsibilities

Many stakeholders play a role in delivering meaningful community engagement. While the Strategy is focused on Council's role, it is important to acknowledge that the participation of many stakeholders will influence its overall success.

Stakeholder	Roles and responsibilities
Mayor and Councillors	- Participate as an elected member, listen to the views of the community and consider those views when making decisions. - Play an important role in reflecting the views of the community back to the staff ensuring that concerns and aspirations are heard. - Support community engagement by approving adequate funding and/or resources.
CEO and Directors	- Ensure the strategy is implemented and applied across Council projects. - Oversee engagement processes of Council and ensure engagement needs and risks are considered. - Approve Community Engagement Plans developed by Project Lead and provided by Managers.

NoM – October 2026 - Supporting information

- Table of NSW Government planning exhibitions since September 2024 (from the NSW Planning Portal) - Attached
- Examples for reference from Willoughby, Burwood, Cobar and Camden councils
 - <https://www.haveyoursaywilloughby.com.au/statewidecpp>
 - <https://participate.burwood.nsw.gov.au/draft-sydney-plan-public-exhibition>
 - <https://www.cobar.nsw.gov.au/draft-far-west-regional-plan-2041/>
 - <https://yourvoice.camden.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government>
- Circular DCS-2024-03, Department of Customer Service, 28 March 2024 / <https://arp.nsw.gov.au/dcs-2024-03-community-consultation-have-your-say>
- Community Engagement Strategy 2024–2028, pages 7 and 12 - Attached

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