

Draft Local Housing Strategy - Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Local Housing Strategy?

A Local Housing Strategy provides a framework for how we can best accommodate growth to meet our housing supply targets and ensure sustainable and responsive delivery of housing for our growing and changing community.

A Local Housing Strategy sits under the Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan and builds on Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement.

The Local Housing Strategy identifies growth and housing needs, priorities and actions to implement the strategy, including identifying ways of delivering the number and types of housing needed, and ensuring adequate infrastructure such as utilities, transport, access to services and open space.

Draft Growth and Housing Strategy (Draft v1)

The Draft Growth and Housing Strategy (Draft v1) was prepared based on community and stakeholder engagement and exhibited between 19 July and 16 August 2024. A Public Exhibition Engagement Report, External Review and a Discussion Paper were reported to Council in November 2024.

Draft Local Housing Strategy (Draft v2)

The Draft Local Housing Strategy (Draft v2) was prepared based on the public submissions received and the External Review. The Draft has been updated to ensure that the Strategy meets the requirements of the Local Housing Strategy Guidelines and the needs of the current and future community.

The Local Housing Strategy has been prepared based on the NSW Government's Guideline and once finalised, will be sent to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) for endorsement.

The Draft Local Housing Strategy (Draft v2) is on public exhibition until **Tuesday 22 April 2025**.

Where to view the document

The Draft Local Housing Strategy, and other supporting documents and information, can be accessed via Council's website: www.kiama.nsw.gov.au/growth

The Draft Strategy can also be viewed at Council's administration building and Kiama and Gerringong Libraries during opening hours.

Council officers will also be available to chat at the Community Engagement Pop-Ups on:

- Wednesday 26 February from 3pm to 6pm at the Kiama Farmers Market, Kiama
- Thursday 27 February from 4pm to 6pm at Foodworks, Kiama Downs
- Wednesday 26 March from 2pm to 5pm at the Kiama Farmers Market, Kiama
- Thursday 27 March from 4pm to 6pm at IGA, Gerringong

How to have your say

The Draft Strategy is on public exhibition from 21 February until **Tuesday 22 April 2025**.

Submissions can be made via our 'Your Say' portal: yoursay.kiama.nsw.gov.au/growth-and-housing-strategy

What happens next?

Council staff will be available to discuss any enquiries during the exhibition period. The submissions will be considered, and the Draft Strategy updated as required. A final Local Housing Strategy will then be prepared and reported to Council, likely in June 2025, with a recommendation regarding adoption.

Please contact Council on 4232 0444 if you have any questions about the Draft Strategy.