



Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment Engagement Report

Alexandrina Council – September 2024

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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of Engagement Report

This Engagement Report (the Report) has been prepared by Alexandrina Council (the 'Designated Entity') for consideration by the Minister for Planning (the Minister) in adopting the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment (the Code Amendment).

This Report details the engagement that has been undertaken, the outcome of the engagement including a summary of the feedback made and the response to the feedback, and any changes to the Code Amendment as a consequence of feedback. In addition, the report evaluates the effectiveness of the engagement and whether the principles of the Community Engagement Charter have been satisfied. Any changes to the engagement plan during the engagement process is also outlined.

The report will also address any conditions requested by the Minister for Planning as outlined in the initiation approval granted 22 March 2024, as the conditions must be addressed and are relevant to the outcome of the Code Amendment policy.

1.2 What is the Code Amendment proposing?

Alexandrina Council seeks to amend the Planning and Design Code (the Code) by applying the **Local Heritage Place** Overlay to twenty-five (25) properties located within the township the Milang.

As a result of the location of historic places (domestic, civic, retail and industrial), original survey and subdivision pattern including intact surrounding parklands, railway and port activities and relics and tourism infrastructure, it is also proposed to establish an **Historic Area Overlay** which will extend across the area of Milang that exhibits the characteristics of the original survey. **Historic Area Statements** will also be introduced and sit within this Overlay.

The proposal will as a consequence, amend the Code by applying the **Heritage Adjacency Overlay** to properties adjacent to the proposed Local Heritage Place as identified by the Planning and Design Code's mapping rules. These mapping rules are as follows:

- (a) Within urban areas -
 - any directly abutting allotment, to a maximum distance of 60 metres, plus
 - any property within 6 metres of the allotment on which the heritage place is located, to a maximum distance of 60 metres, except where separated by a road/reserve greater than 6 metres wide
 - any land that falls within 30 metres of a place where the place is located within a road reserve.
- (b) Within rural areas, applies to:
 - any land that falls within 500 metres of a heritage place and that is on a separate allotment to the heritage place.

Please refer to the copy of the Code Amendment document for a comprehensive and detailed understanding of the proposed changes.

2. Engagement Approach

2.1 Engagement Purpose

The process for amending a designated instrument (including the process to amend the Planning and Design Code) is set out in the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (the Act). The Act requires public engagement to take place in accordance with the *Community Engagement Charter*. The Designated Entity prepared an engagement plan (the Engagement Plan) to apply the principles of the *Community Engagement Charter*.

The purpose of engagement was to:

- Satisfy statutory requirements for community engagement pursuant to the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* and the Community Engagement Charter.
- Actively engage with and seek feedback from the Milang and broader Alexandrina community regarding the proposed Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment
- Educate the community about a Heritage Code Amendment and the changes/outcomes of this Code Amendment
- Ensure that owners of places proposed to be affected by the Code Amendment are aware of potential changes to requirements for development at their property
- Ensure that the community have the opportunity to review the details of the proposed Code Amendment, ask any necessary questions and provide feedback
- 'Close the loop' with the community and stakeholders to inform them of the final version of the Code Amendment.

2.2 Engagement Activities

The engagement approach was designed for the Code Amendment in accordance with the requirements of the Community Engagement Charter, as detailed in the Engagement Plan. This included a range of both pre-engagement activities prior to the engagement activities undertaken during the formal engagement period.

Pre Engagement

Target Audience	Pre-Engagement Activity	Description
Affected Landowners, businesses and residents	Letters	Letters were sent to affected land owners whose properties were proposed to be listed as a Local Heritage Place As a consequence of the preliminary consultation, the number of properties proposed to be listed were reduced from 60 to 25.

Formal Engagement Period

Target Audience	Engagement Activity	Description
Affected Landowners, businesses and residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter / Fact Sheet • Online information via Council Website and MySay platform • Drop in sessions (x2) • Hard copy resources available at all Council Offices, including library at Milang • Public notice in local newspaper • Phone and contact email • Postal address for hard copies 	<p>A letter and data sheet were mailed to affected landowners/businesses and residents whose place was proposed to be listed as a Local Heritage Place</p> <p>A letter and fact sheet were mailed to all landowners/businesses and residents who are proposed to be situated within the Historic Area Overlay</p> <p>A letter and fact sheet were mailed to all landowners/businesses and residents within 60 metres of the proposed Historic Area Overlay and from a proposed Local Heritage Place.</p> <p>Fact Sheets and hard copies of all Code Amendment documentation were made available in hard copy at all Council Offices and the Public Library in Milang. A copy of the Fact Sheet was also displayed at the Post</p>

		<p>Office in Milang.</p> <p>Fact Sheets and hard copies of all Code Amendment documentation were made available via PlanSA website, Council Website, and via the MySay platform on Council Website and was linked via Council's social media page.</p> <p>Two (2) drop in sessions were provided, each running for 2 hours, to allow for the community to ask any questions of staff. The drop-in sessions were held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 18 June 2024, 10 am – 12 noon at the Milang Institute, 23 Coxe Street Milang • Wednesday 3 July 2024, 3pm – 5pm at the Milang Institute, 23 Coxe Street Milang <p>No recorded version was made available however this is because of the availability of staff to meet with community members if required.</p> <p>Public Notice in local newspapers being the Fleurieu Sun and the Southern Argus; in addition, the Southern Argus, the local paper that covers Milang and surrounding townships, included an article about the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment.</p>
<p>Wider community, both in Milang and Alexandrina Council area more broadly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online accessibility (Council website and MySay platform) • In person workshop and Q&A in Milang (with recorded version made available following session) • Hard copy resources available at Council offices (information leaflets) • Public notice in local newspapers 	<p>Fact Sheets and hard copies of all Code Amendment documentation were made available in hard copy at all Council Offices and the Public Library in Milang. A copy of the Fact Sheet was also displayed at the Post Office in Milang.</p> <p>Fact Sheets and hard copies of all Code Amendment documentation were made available via PlanSA website, Council Website, and via the MySay platform on Council Website and was linked via Council's social media page.</p> <p>Two (2) drop in sessions were provided, each running for 3 hours, to allow for the community to ask any questions of staff. No recorded version was made available however this is because of the availability of staff to meet with community members if required.</p> <p>Public Notice in local newspapers; in addition, the Southern Argus, the local paper that covers Milang and surrounding townships, included an article about the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment.</p>
<p>Government Agencies / Local Government Association and adjoining Councils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct correspondence inviting comment or opportunity to meet 	<p>A fact sheet and letter were sent to identified stakeholders.</p>

State Member of Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct correspondence inviting comment or opportunity to meet 	<p>A fact sheet and letter were sent to David Basham, Member for Finnis</p> <p>Public Notice in local newspapers; in addition, the Southern Argus, the local paper that covers Milang and surrounding townships, included an article about the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment.</p>
Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct liaison and consultation 	<p>A fact sheet and letter were sent to the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation with an offer for a meeting.</p>

Mandatory Engagement

The following mandatory engagement requirements have been met:

(a) Notice and consultation with the Local Government Association

The Community Engagement Charter requires that the Local Government Association (LGA) is notified in writing and consulted on Code Amendment proposals that are generally relevant to councils.

(b) Notice to owners of land in respect to heritage policy or listing a place of local heritage value

The Community Engagement Charter requires that the owner of land on which a place is proposed for local heritage listing or where any heritage character or preservation policy is proposed (that is similar in intent or effect to a local heritage listing) via a Code Amendment must be directly notified of the proposal and consulted a minimum of four weeks.

As per the Community Engagement Charter, direct mail out was provided to:

- all owners of land on which a place is proposed as a 'local heritage place'
- all owners of properties that were situated within the proposed historic area overlay
- all owners of properties within 60 meters of the affected area which are proposed to be subject to the heritage adjacency overlay and/or a proposed local heritage place.

(c) Notice to owners or occupiers of the land and adjacent land, in accordance with Regulation 20 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017*.

Notice to owners or occupiers of adjacent land were notified in accordance with Regulation 20 of the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure (General) Regulations 2017*.

2.3 Engagement Outcomes

Public Submissions

A total of 10 submissions were received from members of the public. Submissions were received through the MySay Alexandrina or via direct e-mail.

Respondents were asked whether they supported the Code Amendment and the following responses were received:

- Total of six (6) expressing support for the Code Amendment
- Total of four (4) expressing no support for the Code Amendment.

In addition to the above:

- A total of 3 telephone enquiries

- A total of 13 people visited the MySay Alexandrina Survey with a total of 5 responses received (which form part of the 8 responses received)
- In relation to the drop-in sessions:
 - o A total of 10 attended the drop in session held on the 18 June 2024
 - o A total of 14 attended the drop in session held on the 3 July 2024.

Copies of all submissions received from members of the public are provided within **Attachment A**.

Other Submissions

In addition to the public submissions, no other feedback was received from other stakeholders and government agencies.

2.4 Summary of Key Matters

A summary of the submissions and comments is summarised in **Attachment B**.

In essence, the respondents were either in support or in opposition of the proposed listing to a local heritage place. There were no comments in relation to the proposed Historic Area Overlay or the Heritage Adjacency Overlay.

With regards to the proposed listing of 25 places, the table below summarises what properties were commented on by the landowner/business:

Place No	Address	Description	CT Reference	Section 67(1) Criteria	Comment Received
M1	36 Ameroo Avenue	Residence (The Forge)	6049/948	a,d,e	
M2	64 Ameroo Avenue	Residence	5475/650	a,d,e	
M3	3 Chapel Street, cnr Stirling Street	Primitive Methodist Chapel	5832/63	a,c,d	
M4	23 Coxe Street	Milang Institute	CR 5623/721	a,c,d,f	
M5	27 Coxe Street	Former Police Station	5448/121	a,c,d	
M6	Coxe Street (opposite Institute)	Soldier's Memorial Gardens	CR 5754/583	a,c,d,e	
M7	39-41 Coxe Street	Former Lake Hotel	5939/255 (39), 5939/256 (41)	a,c,d	
M8	38 Coxe Street, cnr Lang Street	Former Shop & Residence	5865/115	a,c,d	
M9	43-45 Coxe Street, cnr Lang Street	Former Butcher's Shop	6137/479	a,c,d	
M10	47 Coxe Street	Former Butcher, Baker and Residence "The Rookery"	5860/295	a,c,d	

M11	Daranda Terrace	Milang Railway Station	CR 5913/252	a,d	
M12	18-19 Daranda Terrace, cnr Lang	Milang Pier Hotel	6134/115	a,c,d	
M13	24-25 Daranda Terrace	Former Headmaster's Residence	5562/416	a,d	
M14	1 Lake Road	Residence (Langmead)	5823/207	a,d,e	
M15	21 Lang Street	Residence (Jensen House)	6162/363	a,c,d	
M16	1 Luard Street	St Mary's Anglican Church	5711/270	a,c,d	
M17	18 Luard Street	Milang Post Office	5500/128	a,c,d	Not supportive
M18	North-eastern corner Soldiers' Memorial Gardens	"Royal" Willow Tree	CR 5754/583	g	
M19	29 McDonald St	Chapel (now Uniting Church)	5849/531	a,c,d	
M20	Lot 100 Milang Road (Corner Nine Mile Road & Weeroona Drive)	Former Slaughterhouse	6050/428	a,b,c	
M21	3 Orana Street	Former Manse	5832/332	a,d	
M22	14 Orana Street	Residence and Outbuilding	5466/17	a,d	
M23	6 Rivers Street	Former Nursing Home	5580/696	a,d	
M24	45 Watson Street	Church of Christ chapel	5710/302	a, c, d	Not supportive
M25	56-58 Watson Street	Residence, outbuilding and wall	5804/301 5679/67	a,d	

3. Post Engagement Changes to the Code Amendment

In response to the comments raised in the submissions, the following changes were made:

Nil

4. Evaluation of Engagement

To ensure the principles of the Community Engagement Charter are met, an evaluation of the engagement process for the Code Amendment has occurred.

The minimum mandatory performance indicators have been used to evaluate engagement on the Code Amendment. These measures help to gauge how successful the engagement has been in meeting the Charter's principles for good engagement.

4.1 Evaluation of Engagement by Community Members

The minimum mandatory performance indicators required an evaluation of responses from members of the community on the engagement. This includes an evaluation of whether (or to what extent) community members felt:

1. That the engagement genuinely sought their input to help shape the proposed Code Amendment.
2. Confident their views were heard during the engagement.
3. They were given an adequate opportunity to be heard.
4. They were given sufficient information so that they could take an informed view.
5. Informed about why they were being asked for their view, and the way it would be considered.

This evaluation was undertaken through:

Post Engagement Letter

Following the close of the engagement period, a letter was emailed to all community members (as well as sent by mail where an email address was not provided) who had contacted the Alexandrina Council during the engagement period and/or made a submission on the proposed Code Amendment.

The letter provided an overview of the next steps in the Code Amendment process and a link to a survey on the engagement process. A copy of the post-engagement letter is provided in **Attachment C**.

Post Engagement Survey

As indicated above, the covering letter included a link and QR Code to access an online engagement evaluation survey. Of the 8 people who were sent the survey, a total of 1 responded to the survey.

The Community Engagement Surveys and results can be found in **Attachment D**.

Evaluation of Engagement by the Designated Entity

A further evaluation of the engagement process is required to be undertaken by (or on behalf of) the Designated Entity. The minimum performance indicators require an evaluation by the Designated Entity of whether (or to what extent) the engagement:

1. Occurred early enough for feedback to genuinely influence the planning policy, strategy or scheme.
2. Contributed to the substance of the final draft Code Amendment.
3. Reached those identified as communities or stakeholders of interest.
4. Provided feedback to community about outcomes of engagement.
5. Was reviewed throughout the process and improvements put in place, or recommended for future engagement.

The evaluation of the engagement was undertaken by Connie Parisi (Team Leader Planning Policy). The results of the evaluation are contained in **Attachment E** to this Engagement Report.

5. Minister's Conditions to Proceed

On the 22 March 2024, the Minister for Planning approved the Proposal to Initiate the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment subject to conditions relating to policy and engagement.

The conditions included:

- (a) *That State Members of Parliament for the electorates in which the proposed Code Amendment applies (David Basham, Member for Finniss) were consulted.*
- (b) *The Commission has, under section 73(6)(f) of the Act, resolved to specify the following further investigations to that outlined in the Proposal to Initiate: Provide additional information on history of the shacks area within the Historic Area Overlay Study of the Township of Milang*

As part of the Code Amendment documentation, additional justification was provided on the history of the existing shacks which extend along the foreshore of Lake Alexandrina.

The collection of shacks along Milang's foreshore to Lake Alexandrina has been a distinct part of Milang's residential and seaside character for over 75 years.

The area contributes to the relaxed, informal and lifestyle driven ambience of the foreshore and Milang more broadly.

The inclusion of this precinct within the Historic Area Overlay is desirable to provide some parameters for development which will provide for orderly and modest development which considers the historic characteristics of Milang as well as ensuring a balance between safety, amenity, personal expression and ornamentation and avoiding over-development of sites into overbearing built forms which detract from the historic character of the locality.

More specifically, a summary of the history of the shacks is provided below:

From the early nineteenth century "shanties" and bathing boxes could be found on Australian beaches. The numbers of weekenders increased as fixed working hours, improved transport and the concept of the "weekend" itself made the idea of a holiday house popular. The introduction of cheaper building materials such as fibro-cement sheets made simple shacks and houses easier to construct and thus available to a wider range of holidaymakers, although during the 1930s Depression many of these holiday dwellings became permanent residences. In 1980 it was estimated that the number of shack sites on Crown land in South Australia was 4200.

The site for the shacks is low lying land originally subject to flooding. The first shacks were situated east of the jetty. Later development occurred to the west of the tramway line from the jetty. Some of this land can still be found between Daranda Terrace and the shacks. The remainder has been built up over the years with silt from dredging operations and rubble from building demolition.

The Milang Regatta Club held the lease of the oval below Tod's Hill on the lake frontage in 1947 and its proposal for shacks on the foreshore eventually gained Council approval. In 1948 the Milang Progress Association took over the lease of the oval and also leased extra land from the South Australian Harbors Board, which became a site for shacks. By June 1948 there were seventeen shacks east of the jetty. By the end of the 1950s seventy shacks spread along the foreshore. Some owners had built their own shacks, others employed professional builders. As demand for sites increased a second row was built behind the shacks on the west of the jetty. At one stage there were 140 shacks. Shack owners voluntarily contributed to the filling of the sites and supported the Progress Association in laying out and paying for roads. They also built and maintained a lawned area and a boat ramp, and removed snags from the lake. From the start they were responsible for

the removal of their own night soil. After the government resumed Section 186 Hundred of Alexandrina in 1965, the local Council was able to charge rates for the shacks.

Various plans for redevelopment of the foreshore and changing government policies resulted in uncertain tenure for shack owners. Some plans proposed demolition of the existing shacks. In 1967 as the Progress Association relinquished management of the shack sites, the Milang Shack Owners' Association formed to negotiate with government authorities. In 1975 owners of shacks on the eastern side of the jetty were notified that their licences would not be renewed. Only six of these agreed to relocate to the western side of the jetty. The Department of Lands took over leasing of the shacks in 1975. After many reviews and changes of policy the State Government offered life tenure to shack owners from 1989 and more recently the ability to pass on the lease to future generations. Shack holders, however, would like to obtain freehold title to their shacks to ensure their future.

The Department for Environment and Water's website states that the South Australian Government is committed to creating new opportunities for families to retain shacks on Crown land and in national parks by expanding the eligibility to maintain a lease in return for upgrading the shack to meet contemporary safety, amenity and environmental standards.

6. Conclusion

The Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment seeks to protect the substantial domestic and community heritage of Milang by listing a number of specific buildings, places and items that satisfy the heritage criteria as Local Heritage Places. Community engagement was undertaken to satisfy both legislative requirements of the Community Engagement Charter and seek meaningful feedback from the Alexandrina community.

7. Attachments

7.1 Attachment A – Copies of Submissions

Subject: E202447188 - 3.20.020 - Anonymous User completed Survey – Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment

From: My Say - Alexandrina Council <notifications@engagementhq.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2024 8:36 AM

To: Customer Contact - Information Management <alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>

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Full Name

Email address

Please choose the option best describing your involvement with the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment

Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be a Local Heritage Place

Do you support the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment?

No

Please explain your answer further

i am not sure I want the heritage code at all it seems to be just another way for the council to dictate what we can and cannot do for the owners of the heritage buildings and surrounding property owners. The council make it hard enough for small business now and I do not need any other restrictions on the property. If the council can see it fit to tear down a 99 year old war memorial, give the go ahead to tear down the original Dunk property and to make an owner tear down an almost 100year old original dairy beacuase it was to close to the road (that blows my mind) then why put restrictions on anyone elses property now?

Do you have any other feedback/comments?

Alexandrina Council says it wants small local buisness to go ahead when all they seem to do is make thing extramely hard. I understand the significance of the building and Business I own and intend to keep the historical nature of this building alive, but Council is makeing it hard for me to move forward now and having this on my building feels like the only option I will have is to keep it in it's near unlivable state and still pay 2 sets of rates for the one building which is extrealmy unfair and a feels very much like another money grab from the council. I can see no benifit from this. I do not support this in any way.

Would you like to receive email updates about Heritage Alexandrina?

Yes

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Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be within the Historic Area Overlay

Do you support the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment?

Yes

Please explain your answer further

The Heritage code for Milang is long overdue and is important to give protection and historic value to the few remaining buildings in the township. There appear to be few controls on such things as 1.8m front boundary colorbond fences and huge sheds which detract from the street view of a historical town.

Do you have any other feedback/comments?

We hope there can be further consideration of improvements to the town as proposed in the recent council proposals.

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Yes

From: Julie Payne
Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2024 1:35 PM
To: Julie Payne
Subject: E202463373 - 3.71.063 - Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment Proposal
Attachments: Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment.docx

From:
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2024 1:12 PM
To: Connie Parisi <Connie.Parisi@alexandrina.sa.gov.au>
Subject: Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment Proposal

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Good afternoon Ms Parisi,

It was good to meet you at the Milang Institute on Tuesday 18th of June.
I appreciate your time in explaining the council's proposal.
Having reviewed the material council has made available online, combined with discussions with other Milang-based property owners and speaking with legal representatives, I am unable to support the proposal. My reasons (and suggestions) are detailed in the attached document.
I will also be forwarding this document to the Minister for Planning & Local Government.

Kind regards,

In regard to the *Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment (2024)*, I do not support the proposal in its current form.

Since its inception in 1997 the Alexandrina Council has recognised historic buildings within Goolwa but has done very little (if anything) to identify the historic significance of specific buildings nor of other towns within its realm. As a result, the opportunity to protect these places has, largely, been lost.

It was the Alexandrina Council that permitted the demolition of Milang's original doctor's residence and surgery (Ameroo Avenue), and it was the council itself that carried-out the partial destruction of the historic Anzac Memorial Park hedge (replacing it with a Wall of Remembrance ONLY after a backlash from the community, the RSL and the media.) Council STILL hasn't explained how or why this was allowed to occur in the first instance nor WHO is responsible!

To implement the proposed *Historic Area Overlay* now, would be a waste of time, effort and ratepayer's money, (if not a little hypocritical of council.)

When you consider the structures within this footprint, there are few remaining *historic* buildings that are now surrounded by modern structures that are in no way sympathetic with, nor reflect the historic significance of the town. Council, in their quest for increased revenue, have green-lighted almost any development that crossed their desk resulting in Milang becoming a mish-mash of 'styles', with a few old buildings lost in the mix.

Looking at Coxe Street as a case in point, between McDonald Street and Stirling Street, there is only one remaining dwelling that pre-dates 1950. This structure has already been altered significantly.

Between Stirling Street and Watson Street: Three pre-1950's dwellings, two of which have been significantly altered. The third structure (and virtually 'original') is the former Blacksmith's building (adjacent to 11 Coxe Street but at the rear of 50 Watson Street).

Watson Street to Ameroo Avenue: One house ('Kenlor' - faithfully restored) and one Church.

When you consider how few significant structures still exist within the proposed 'footprint', it appears neither practical nor fair to other property-owners in Milang.

Milang's *Historic Precinct* is now from Ameroo Avenue, across Luard Street to Lang Street. In this area there is the Institute, the old Police Station, Post Office, War Memorial, former 'Terry Roberts' General Store', former hotel and former shop (cnr Coxe & Luard Streets)

This is perhaps the area where council's attention would be better focussed in providing the opportunity to re-create a small but significant area that could be restored as an example of the town's historic character.

This would require council to liaise with property owners on this section of street and establish an agreement on how the streetscape will be presented and maintained to reflect the historic aspects of Milang.

Street lighting along the lines of what has been installed at Macclesfield (replica 'gas light' style) could be installed, maybe bluestone cobblestones on the road would create a real sense of history in this precinct.

As I said, this would need to be achieved only through the mutual agreement with the property owners and may require some financial incentives or rebates from council to get ratepayers onboard.

A long-term project might be to look at building a museum, in a style that is sympathetic to the history of the town, on the site currently occupied by tennis courts opposite the Post Office. The existing tennis courts could be relocated to the Milang oval.

It would make more sense to re-create and preserve a small section of Milang than try to impose conditions on what ratepayers can establish in terms of fence-styles, frontage appearance etc across a much larger 'footprint'. Having been permitted to establish a modern dwelling but being told you must have a 'heritage' fence would, surely, only confuse the character of the town further. The opportunity to implement such a broad amendment has expired.

I recommend council abandon it's current proposal. You have left the gate open for too long; the horse has bolted a long time ago. Any attempt to now stipulate conditions or standards of development/improvement within such a broad 'footprint' may open the council to legal challenges.

The council has been inattentive, even negligent, in what they have permitted to be developed in Milang for too long. Instead of trying to implement such a wide reaching (and impractical) amendment, focus on recreating and maintaining small sections of the town. A precinct (such as I have suggested), in association with the Milang Railway precinct and the Butter Factory will create areas of interest that not only preserve the historic integrity of the town but also provide more than one area of interest for visitors to enjoy.

I look forward to your feedback.

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Please explain your answer further

In regard to the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment (2024), I do not support the proposal in it's current form. Since it's inception in 1997 the Alexandrina Council has recognised historic buildings within Goolwa but has done very little (if anything) to identify the historic significance of specific buildings nor of other towns within it's realm. As a result, the opportunity to protect these places has, largely, been lost. It was the Alexandrina Council that permitted the demolition of Milang's original doctor's residence and surgery (Ameroo Avenue), and it was the council itself that carried-out the partial destruction of the historic Anzac Memorial Park hedge (replacing it with a Wall of Remembrance ONLY after a backlash from the community, the RSL and the media.) Council STILL hasn't explained how or why this was allowed to occur in the first instance nor WHO is responsible! To implement the proposed Historic Area Overlay now, would be a waste of time, effort and ratepayer's money, (if not a little hypocritical of council.) When you consider the structures within this footprint, there are few remaining historic structures that are now surrounded by modern structures that are in no way sympathetic with, nor reflect the historic significance of the town. Council, in their quest for increased revenue, have green-lighted almost any development that crossed their desk resulting in Milang becoming a mish-mash of 'styles', with a few old buildings

lost in the mix. Looking at Coxe Street as a case in point, between McDonald Street and Stirling Street, there is only one remaining dwelling that pre-dates 1950. This structure has already been altered significantly. Between Stirling Street and Watson Street: Three pre-1950's dwellings, two of which have been significantly altered. The third structure (and virtually 'original') is the former Blacksmith's building (adjacent to 11 Coxe Street but at the rear of 50 Watson Street). Watson Street to Ameroo Avenue: One house ('Kenlor' - faithfully restored) and one Church. When you consider how few significant structures still exist within the proposed 'footprint', it appears neither practical nor fair to other property-owners in Milang. Milang's Historic Precinct is now from Ameroo Avenue, across Luard Street to Lang Street. In this area there is the Institute, the old Police Station, Post Office, War Memorial, former 'Terry Roberts' General Store', former hotel and former shop (cnr Coxe & Luard Streets) This is perhaps the area where council's attention would be better focussed in providing the opportunity to re-create a small but significant area that could be restored as an example of the town's historic character. This would require council to liaise with property owners on this section of street and establish an agreement on how the streetscape will be presented and maintained to reflect the historic aspects of Milang. Street lighting along the lines of what has been installed at Macclesfield (replica 'gas light' style) could be installed, maybe bluestone cobblestones on the road would create a real sense of history in this precinct. As I said, this would need to be achieved only through the mutual agreement with the property owners and may require some financial incentives or rebates from council to get ratepayers onboard. A long-term project might be to look at building a museum, in a style that is sympathetic to the history of the town, on the site currently occupied by tennis courts opposite the Post Office. The existing tennis courts could be relocated to the Milang oval. It would make more sense to re-create and preserve a small section of Milang than try to impose conditions on what ratepayers can establish in terms of fence-styles, frontage appearance etc across a much larger 'footprint'. Having been permitted to establish a modern dwelling but being told you must have a 'heritage' fence would, surely, only confuse the character of the town further. The opportunity to implement such a broad amendment has expired. I recommend council abandon it's current proposal. You have left the gate open for too long; the horse has bolted a long time ago. Any attempt to now stipulate conditions or standards of development/improvement within such a broad 'footprint' may open the council to legal challenges. The council has been inattentive, even negligent, in what they have permitted to be developed in Milang for too long. Instead of trying to implement such a wide reaching (and impractical) amendment, focus on recreating and maintaining small sections of the town. A precinct (such as I have suggested), in association with the Milang Railway precinct and the Butter Factory will create areas of interest that not only preserve the historic integrity of the town but also provide more than one area of interest for visitors to enjoy. I look forward to your feedback.

Would you like to receive email updates about Heritage Alexandrina?

Yes

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Full Name

Email address

Please choose the option best describing your involvement with the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment

Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be within the Historic Area Overlay

Do you support the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment?

Yes

Please explain your answer further

I think the heritage code amendment is a positive for the township , i believe all possible should be done to preserve the towns history & buildings for the future , but also being very transparent on the finer details for the vendors of the said properties so they are crystal clear on any details which could affect any further renovations etc to the property .

Do you have any other feedback/comments?

In line with what the council is proposing with the new heritage code amendment , i think there should also be changes to the size of subdivisions allowed in that area , covering from Daranda tce up Mcdonald (Eastern side) to weeroona (southern side) down Lyon st (western side) back to Daranda tce currently subdivisions in this area are limited to 500sqm , i believe this should be raised to a 700sqm minimum in the above area , limiting the

options to create a suburb where gutters are almost touching and allowing this town to be turned into another spoilt country town , on top of that , we have limited services & infastructure , the area i have stated is all old survey and in line with the heritage amendment would do a lot to preserve the town , it's character & ambience for future generations, i think this would be pleasing to many in the town and also perhaps leading the way for other towns to take note of ! . I am in the process of starting a petition for this 700sqm minimum size block for the locals to look at & to present to council in the very near future (petition to meet council requirements) , hopefully it will get the towns support and council will review the whole concept .

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Full Name

Email address

Please choose the option best describing your involvement with the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment

Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be within the Historic Area Overlay

Do you support the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment?

Yes

Please explain your answer further

I believe it is important to preserve the historic character of Milang and not allow it to develop as some other small country towns have with large modern housing estates that spoil the character and surroundings e.g. Myponga, Meadows, Strathalbyn, Mount Barker.

Do you have any other feedback/comments?

Please seriously consider changing the minimum site area for subdivisions to 700 square metres instead of 500. There is already a glut of small blocks in Milang between 500 and 650 sqm and we shouldn't let it become worse and dominate the town with battle axe blocks and townhouses on small pieces of land. However, it is important to plan for the future growth of Milang and nearby towns by ensuring that Milang has some land set aside for the construction of a supermarket e.g. IGA or Foodworks. This is critical as there is only one supermarket in Strathalbyn

and the population there is increasing with all the new development. There is a piece of land on Ameroo Avenue with potential for a supermarket and small retail shopping precinct (I believe it is Lot 500). It falls within the Historic Overlay area but could be developed in such a way that it is attractive and doesn't interfere with any historic sites. A supermarket is certainly needed in Milang!

Would you like to receive email updates about Heritage Alexandrina?

Yes

From:**Sent:**

Friday, 12 July 2024 2:17 PM

To:

Customer Contact - Information Management

Subject:

E202463631 - 3.20.020 - Objection to Local Heritage Place Overlay for Milang Church of Christ

Attachments:

Objection to Local Heritage Place Overlay for Milang Church of Christ.pdf

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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached some correspondence for your attention.

Kind regards,

Peter Barney
State Minister/CEO

Churches of Christ in South Australia and Northern Territory

Level 1, 128 Greenhill Road, Unley SA 5061



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Church of Christ State Office
Churches of Christ in SA and NT Inc.
PO Box 743, Torrensvile Plaza SA 5031

Date: 11 July 2024

Att: CEO, Alexandrina Council PO Box 21, Goolwa SA 5214

alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Subject: Objection to Local Heritage Place Overlay for Milang Church of Christ

Dear CEO,

I am writing on behalf of the Milang Church of Christ to formally object to the proposed application of the Local Heritage Place Overlay to our church property located at 45 Watson Street, Milang, as outlined in your recent community consultation request.

Understanding the Context and Concerns:

We acknowledge the Alexandrina Council's efforts in preserving the historical integrity of Milang. However, we must express our concern and opposition to the application of the Local Heritage Place Overlay to our property. Our objection is based on several critical factors that impact the functionality and ongoing mission of our active faith community.

1. Impact on Active Faith Community and Ministry:

Our church is not merely an historic building; it is a vibrant centre of worship and community service. The imposition of a Local Heritage Place Overlay introduces significant limitations and bureaucratic hurdles that impede our ability to adapt and modify the building to meet the evolving needs of our congregation and the wider community. Heritage listings often lead to increased costs and administrative burdens that can strain the resources of our faith community, hindering our ability to effectively carry out our mission.

2. Heritage Criteria Analysis:

Upon reviewing the criteria under the Heritage Places Act 1993, Section 16(1), we believe that the Milang Church of Christ does not sufficiently meet the necessary standards for heritage listing:

- **Criterion (a):** While the church does demonstrate aspects of local historical evolution, it does not significantly contribute to the broader State's history beyond its local context.
- **Criterion (b):** The building lacks rare, uncommon, or endangered qualities of cultural significance. The architectural style and construction techniques are typical of many small chapels built during the 1850s and 1860s in South Australia.

- **Criterion (c):** There is no substantial evidence suggesting that the building can yield new information contributing to an understanding of the State's history.
- **Criterion (d):** The church, while a representative example of small chapels, does not possess outstanding representative qualities of a particular class of culturally significant places within the State.
- **Criterion (e):** The church does not demonstrate a high degree of creative, aesthetic, or technical accomplishment, nor is it an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics.
- **Criterion (f):** While it holds spiritual significance for our community, the level of cultural or spiritual association does not reach the threshold required for State heritage listing.
- **Criterion (g):** The church is associated with local figures rather than persons or events of broader historical importance within the State.

3. Procedural Concerns:

We also wish to highlight our concerns regarding the process of community consultation and feedback engagement. Previous interactions with both State and local council Heritage have shown a lack of meaningful consideration of our objections and feedback. We urge the Alexandrina Council to ensure a fair, transparent, and thorough review of all submissions, especially from active community stakeholders like our church.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, we request that the Alexandrina Council reconsider the application of the Local Heritage Place Overlay to the Milang Church of Christ. We believe that our property does not meet the necessary criteria under the Heritage Places Act 1993, and that the imposition of such an overlay would severely restrict our ability to serve our community effectively.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our feedback and trust that our concerns will be given due consideration. We look forward to a constructive dialogue with the Council to ensure that the needs of our active faith community are respected and accommodated.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Yours sincerely,



Peter Barney
State Minister/CEO
Churches of Christ in SA and NT Inc.



FM20243196 - 3.20.020
18 JUN 2024
Box: IM6M-2024*11 - Disposal: D



Survey – Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment

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1. Full Name *

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2. Email address *

3. Please choose the option best describing your involvement with the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment *



Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be a Local Heritage Place



Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be within the Historic Area Overlay



Owner/occupier in Milang outside of the proposed Historic Area Overlay



Other (please specify)

4. Do you support the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ Yes, but subject to amendment

5. Please explain your answer further *

STILL WAITING FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION

6. Do you have any other feedback/comments?

Written was Unclerly Press TREC. Local Newsletter
Survivors At Post Office plus info

7. Would you like to receive email updates about Heritage Alexandrina?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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Friday 12 July 2024.



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18 JUN 2024
Box: IM6M-2024*11 - Disposal: D



Survey – Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment

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1. Full Name *

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2. Email address *

3. Please choose the option best describing your involvement with the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment *

- ☐ Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be a Local Heritage Place
- ☒ Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be within the Historic Area Overlay
- ☐ Owner/occupier in Milang outside of the proposed Historic Area Overlay
- ☐ Other (please specify)

18 JUN 2024
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4. Do you support the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Yes, but subject to amendment

5. Please explain your answer further *

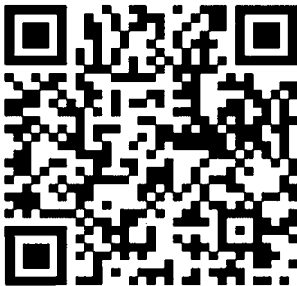
6. Do you have any other feedback/comments?

7. Would you like to receive email updates about Heritage Alexandrina?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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15 JUL 2024
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Survey – Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment

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1. Full Name *

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2. Email address *

3. Please choose the option best describing your involvement with the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment *

- ☐ Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be a Local Heritage Place
- ☒ Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be within the Historic Area Overlay
- ☐ Owner/occupier in Milang outside of the proposed Historic Area Overlay
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Manager
15 JUL 2024



AP

4. Do you support the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Yes, but subject to amendment

5. Please explain your answer further *

- HERITAGE LISTING WILL ONLY ADD COMPLICATION, DELAYS AND EXPENSE TO BUILDING WORK, WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT BENEFITS. AND WILL RESTRICT OPTIONS.

6. Do you have any other feedback/comments?

IF IT GOES AHEAD, MORE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INCENTIVES ARE NECESSARY TO HELP WITH MAINTENANCE OF OLD BUILDINGS.

7. Would you like to receive email updates about Heritage Alexandrina?

☒ Yes

☐ No

For further information, scan the QR Code:



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FM20243599 - 3.20.020
16 JUL 2024
Box: IM6M-2024*12 - Disposal: D

Survey – Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment

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1. Full Name *

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2. Email address *

3. Please choose the option best describing your involvement with the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment *

- ☒ Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be a Local Heritage Place
- ☐ Owner/occupier of a property proposed to be within the Historic Area Overlay
- ☐ Owner/occupier in Milang outside of the proposed Historic Area Overlay
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Heritage
Management

16 JUL 2024

4. Do you support the Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ Yes, but subject to ~~amendment~~ clarification.

5. Please explain your answer further *

My concern is that the properties in TABLE A of the Amendment Document are at risk of being significantly altered or removed when Milang becomes the next real estate hot spot. The properties haven't changed, so why are they not protected. What would Milang look like without them. Would this new overlay have protected the property at 52 Ameroo^{Ave} from demolition if it were not on the B TABLE?

6. Do you have any other feedback/comments?

52 Ameroo Ave is said to have been one of the properties owned by the Dunk family. We walked through it during the demolition and were surprised that such a house could be demolished. Are the less significant properties on the A list open to demolition, i.e. the tin clad houses on Stony St.

7. Would you like to receive email updates about Heritage Alexandrina?

☒ Yes

☐ No

For further information, scan the QR Code:



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Milang Local Heritage Code
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7.2 Attachment B – Summary of Submissions

Submission Number	Record Number	Name	Type	Support Y/N	Comments
1.	L202420531	Robyn Gaye Shearer	Owner/occupier within HAO	Yes	Nil
2.	FM20243196	Alan Beaumont	Owner/occupier within HAO	Yes, but subject to amendment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter was unclear Put information and surveys at local post office
3.	E202447188	Rebecca Holt	Owner/occupier LHP (18 Luard Street – Post Office)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seems to be another way to dictate what people can do Heritage has not been conserved previously by Council, why do it now Only option I will have is to keep building in near unliveable state See no benefit from this and do no support in any way
4.	E202457449	Neil Mackinnon	Owner/occupier within HAO	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long overdue and will provide important protection to historic value of township Hope to see further consideration of improvements for the town
5.	E202463373 & E202463487	Duncan Russell	Resident	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity to protect has largely been lost HAO waste of time, effort and ratepayers money Milang is a mish-mash of styles with old buildings lost in the mix So few original buildings in the footprint it is not practical nor fair to property owners in Milang Replica gas light (same as Macclesfield) could be installed to create a sense of history in the precinct

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museum where the existing tennis courts are • Modern dwellings that have been allowed that can now only have heritage fencing would confuse the character of the town • Any attempt to stipulate standards may open Council to legal challenges • Council has been inattentive and negligent • Focus on maintaining smaller sections as an area of interest
6.	E202463535	Ashley Stewart	Owner/occupier within HAO	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive for the township • Be transparent with the property owners • Larger land division sizes should also be implemented, minimum 700m² • Limited services and infrastructure
7.	E202463568	Deb Stewart	Owner/occupier within HAO	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe it is important to preserve the historic character of Milang • Change minimum site area for 700M²+ • Supermarket (small IGA) should be allowed for in the town centre to support Milang
8.	E202463631	Peter Barney 'Churches of Christ SA & NT'	Owner/occupier LHP (45 Watson Street, Milang)	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imposition of LHP introduces significant limitations and bureaucratic hurdles • Increased costs and administrative burdens • Does not sufficiently meet criteria under the <i>Heritage Places Act 1993</i>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns with process of community consultation LHP would severely restrict our ability to serve our community
9.	FM20243584	Neil C Johnson	Owner/occupier within HAO	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage listing will only add complication, delays and expense to building work with no benefits Will restrict options More financial assistance and incentives are necessary to assist with maintenance of old buildings
10.	FM20243599	Ronald Bernsee	Owner/occupier LHP	Yes, but subject to clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Properties are at risk of being altered/removed when Milang becomes real estate hot-spot How was 52 Ameroo Ave able to be demolished

7.3 Attachment C – Post Engagement Letter

14 August 2024

Dear [Mr/Ms Surname]

Re: Draft Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment – Post Engagement Feedback

Thank you for your interest in the draft Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment.

The community engagement on the Code Amendment concluded on Friday, 12 July 2024 and we are writing to you to provide you with a summary of the submissions that we received, and to also seek your feedback on the engagement process to help improve with future community engagement activities.

Summary of Engagement

We received a total of ten (10) submissions; four (4) opposing the draft Code Amendment and six (6) in support of the Code Amendment.

Submissions not supporting the draft Code Amendment included the following concerns:

- Timing of Code Amendment, being too late due to the loss of many of the township's historic buildings
- New policy requirements will introduce significant limitations, cause confusion, and potential legal challenges
- New policies will result in bureaucratic processes, costs and delays
- More financial assistance and incentives are necessary to assist with maintenance of proposed local heritage listed places.

Submissions in support of draft Code Amendment included the following comments:

- New policy will preserve the historic value of township
- There will be a reduction in the number of historic buildings being removed.

Other comments included:

- Change to minimum site area (allotments should be a minimum of 700 m²), to prevent smaller allotments which impacts on existing infrastructure and services
- Small local supermarket needed in township
- Information/surveys should be placed at Milang Post Office.

What Happens Next?

All submissions will be reviewed, with consideration as to whether further investigations are required and/or whether any changes should be made to the draft Code Amendment in response to the submissions.

Once any further investigations and/or changes have been identified, a draft **Engagement Report** will be prepared that summarises the engagement activities that we undertook, the submissions that were received and a list of any changes



proposed to be made to the Code Amendment in response to the issues raised by the submissions.

The draft Engagement Report and the final Code Amendment will be considered by the Alexandrina Council and subsequently forwarded to the Planning and Land Use Services division (PLUS) of the Department for Housing and Urban Development who will review the documentation and provide a report to the State Planning Commission.

Owners who objected to their property being proposed as a Local Heritage Place will be provided with an opportunity to make a submission to the State Planning Commission on the proposed designation.

The recommendation(s) by the State Planning Commission, the Engagement Report and the final Code Amendment will then be submitted to the Minister for Planning (Minister) for a final decision.

If the Minister resolves to approve the Code Amendment, it will be consolidated within the online Planning and Design Code and reflected in the online mapping tool.

The Minister may also resolve to refuse the proposed Code Amendment, or make alterations to the Code Amendment.

There is no set timeline for the process outlined above, but it is anticipated that the process would be concluded by late 2024. Once a decision has been made, Council will write to advise you of the outcome of the Code Amendment and where you can access a copy of the Engagement Report.

How can we improve our engagement process?

As part of the Code Amendment process, we are required to undertake an evaluation of the community engagement processes undertaken during the consultation period to identify what worked well and areas that need to be improved for future engagement processes. To assist with this process, we would appreciate it if you could respond to the survey which can be accessed via the following QR code:



The evaluation survey will be open until **5pm Wednesday 28 August 2024**.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the Code Amendment process or the survey, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Connie Parisi
Team Leader Planning Policy

Connie.parisi@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

Tel: 8555 7000

7.4 Attachment D – Post Engagement Survey and Response

Q1

I am interested in the draft Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment, as a:

Owner/occupier of land within Milang

Q2

I found out about the draft Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment through:

A letter from Council

Q3

I found out more information about the draft Milang Local Heritage Code Amendment via (select all that apply):

Email - to Alexandrina Council

Q4

I feel the engagement genuinely sought my input to help shape the proposal

Disagree

Q5

I am confident my views will be/were heard during the engagement

Disagree

Q6

I have received/been provided access to sufficient information so I that could make an informed decision about what is proposed

Agree

Q7

I was given an adequate opportunity to have my views heard

Agree

Q8

I felt informed about why I was being asked for my view, and the way it would be considered

Agree

Q9

Additional Comments: I would like to provide the following feedback on how the consultation process could be improved

The process could benefit from greater transparency in addressing specific concerns raised by faith communities.

7.5 Attachment E – Designated Entity Evaluation

Project Evaluation

The engagement was evaluated by Connie Parisi, Team Leader Planning Policy

Evaluation Statement		Response Options
1.	Engagement occurred early enough for feedback to genuinely influence the planning policy, strategy or scheme (Principle 1)	Engaged when there was opportunity for input into first draft Engaged when there was opportunity for minor edits to final draft
	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Given the nature of the Code Amendment, early consultation was undertaken prior to the lodgement of the Proposal to Initiate, with the affected landowners directly notified of a proposed Local Heritage listing. As a consequence of the preliminary consultation, the number of properties proposed to be listed was reduced from 60 to 25.</p> <p>Community consultation undertaken on the draft Code Amendment also generated additional feedback with regards to descriptions relating to proposed listings; as a consequence, minor edits were made to the description of a property proposed for listing.</p>	
2.	Engagement contributed to the substance of the Code Amendment (Principle 2)	In a moderate way
	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Early engagement contributed to the substance of the Code Amendment in a significant way as the number of proposed items was reduced.</p> <p>Feedback received during community engagement also contributed to the detail and content of a proposed listing.</p>	
3.	The engagement reached those identified as the community of interest (Principle 2)	Representatives from most community groups participated in the engagement
	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Landowners affected by the proposed Local Heritage Listing as well as the proposed Historic Area Overlay were directly notified by letter.</p> <p>In addition, two (2) community drop in sessions were held within the township of Milang, with notices about the Code Amendment posted in Council's social media and placed at key destinations within Milang, such as the Milang Post Office.</p>	
4.	Engagement included the provision of feedback to community about outcomes of their participation	Formally (Council Report) and Informally (Closing Summaries)
	<p><i>Comment:</i></p>	

	<p>A post-engagement letter was sent to all members of the community who had been involved in the engagement. The letter provided a summary of the submissions received and provided an outline of the next steps in the Code Amendment process.</p> <p>The letter advised that the formal Engagement Report prepared in accordance with section 73 of the Act would be made publicly available and that a follow up letter would be sent to all those involved in the engagement to advise them of the outcome of the Code Amendment.</p> <p>Council Report was also prepared for Council Meeting dated 16 September 2024 which is publicly accessible.</p>	
5.	Engagement was reviewed throughout the process and improvements put in place or recommended for future engagement (Principle 5)	Reviewed and recommendations made in a systematic way
	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>Following the commencement of engagement, a register was established to record any calls or emails received by Council to keep track of the nature of enquiries and identify any gaps in the engagement.</p> <p>No calls or emails were received raising concerns about accessing information. Based on this, it was determined that no adjustments were required to engagement activities during the engagement period.</p>	
6	Identify key strength of the Charter and Guide	
	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The Charter provides greater flexibility in the engagement process which is welcomed, as this allows for engagement to be tailored to reflect the nature of the Code Amendment and local community feedback.</p>	
7	Identify key challenge of the Charter and Guide	
	<p><i>Comment:</i></p> <p>The information relating to the processes around community engagement for Local Heritage Place Code Amendments is limited and therefore should be reviewed.</p>	

