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**Public Exhibition – Mobile Tiny Homes Pilot Program – Planning Proposal and Local Approvals Policy (Council ref. PP0002-2025, Planning Portal ref. PP-2025-2427)**

Shellharbour Council's Mobile Tiny Homes Pilot Program involves a Planning Proposal and Local Approvals Policy that will, in conjunction, provide a 2-year 'trial' for a faster planning approval pathway for installation and use of Mobile Tiny Homes as rental accommodation.

The Planning Proposal and Local Approvals Policy for the Mobile Tiny Homes Pilot Program is on public exhibition from **9th April to 8th May 2026**.

Submissions will be received for an additional 14 days, up until the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 to comply with statutory exhibition requirements for Local Approvals Policies.

We are now inviting formal submissions and a summary of what we hear will form part of the Post Exhibition Report that will be considered by Councillors when making their determination on the Planning Proposal and Local Approvals Policy.

Should Council resolve to approve the Mobile Tiny Homes Pilot Program, this will finalise:

- the Local Approvals Policy, resulting in a new policy adopted by Council (see Council's current Register of adopted Policies here: [Shellharbour City Council Policies, Business Processes and Procedures](#)).
- the Planning Proposal, resulting in an amendment to the Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan 2013 (link to SLEP2013 here: [Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan 2013 - NSW Legislation](#))

The Local Approvals Policy will establish an approval pathway for Mobile Tiny Homes that meet specific criteria through section 68 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

In conjunction, the Planning Proposal will provide temporary exempt development provisions within Schedule 2 of the *Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan 2013* to temporarily remove the requirement for a development application for Mobile Tiny Homes to be used as rental accommodation, such that only a section 68 approval is required.

**The objective of the Mobile Tiny Homes Pilot Program is to:**

- Promote housing diversity and affordability within Shellharbour LGA by permitting Mobile Tiny Homes as exempt development for a period of two (2) years, and
- Establish detailed development criteria to ensure good planning outcomes for Mobile Tiny Homes during the pilot program period.

**The intended outcomes will be achieved by changes to the following:**

- Schedule 2 – Exempt Development within the Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan 2013
- Section 1.9 – Application of SEPPs within the Shellharbour Local Environmental Plan 2013
- Adoption of a s68 Local Approvals Policy

**To find out more, the following documents can be found online via Council's website** (link here: [Public Exhibition | Shellharbour Council](#)):

- Council Report and Council Report Minutes and Resolution

- Gateway Determination and Gateway letter to Council
- Planning Proposal
- Local Approval Policy

Alternatively, you can view all Planning Proposals in the Shellharbour LGA on the NSW Planning Portal (link to the Portal here: [Planning Proposals | Planning Portal](#). Portal reference for this Planning Proposal is PP-2025-2427).

If you have any comments regarding the Mobile Tiny Homes Pilot Program, please write to us using Council's reference **PP0002-2025** before **4.30pm on Friday 22 May 2026**. You can lodge your comments by email to: [council@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au) or by letter addressed to:

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