

Nillumbik Shire Council – 2016 Amendment C101 Survey

1. **Do you know if an environmental significance overlay (ESO) already applies to your property?**
 - a. Yes it does
 - b. No it doesn't
 - c. Can't say

2. **Do you believe that your property is directly affected by the proposed C101 amendment?**
 - a. Yes it is
 - b. No it isn't
 - c. Can't say

3. **Do you recall receiving a letter from Council in November 2015 about the proposed C101 amendment?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

4. **Council uses a variety of methods to advertise planning scheme amendments such as C101. Which, if any, of the following do you recall seeing about amendment C101?**
 - a. Advertisements about the amendment in the Diamond Valley Leader
 - b. Advertisements about the amendment in the Government Gazette
 - c. Advertisements in local community newsletters
 - d. Information about the amendment in the *Nillumbik News*
 - e. Nillumbik talkback panel
 - f. Information about the amendment on the Council website (including FAQs)
 - g. Information on the amendment on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) website
 - h. Five evening drop-in sessions at the Civic Centre and the Hurstbridge Hub
 - i. Other (*please specify*):
 - j. None of the above

5. **Did you contact Council to discuss amendment C101?**
 - a. Yes - by telephoning Council and speaking with a Council officer
 - b. Yes - by visiting the Civic Centre in person and speaking with a Council officer
 - c. No

6. **Do you feel that there has been an appropriate level of Council engagement with affected landowners in relation to the proposed C101 amendment?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Can't say

7. If no in Q.6, what else do you think Council should have done to communicate these changes to you?

- a. Held public / community / Town Hall meetings
- b. Sent an SMS to affected property owners
- c. Emailed affected property owners
- d. Contacted affected property owners by telephone
- e. Made a personal visit to affected property owners
- f. Advertised the amendment on social media
- g. Made a video about the amendment (available on website, social media, at Council)
- h. Paid signage (e.g. billboards, electronic message boards at Council, library, etc)
- i. Other (*please specify*):

8. What has been your main source of information about the issues involved in the C101 amendment?

- a. Letters from Council
- b. Other Council information sources (e.g. brochures, Nillumbik News, website, etc)
- c. Local councillor
- d. Friends
- e. Neighbours
- f. Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter)
- g. Local newspapers
- h. Other (*please specify*):

9. Are there any ways that Council could better get your attention on important matters such as amendment C101 to ensure that you are well informed?

- a. Please write in

10. Are you satisfied with the following aspects of how Council has communicated with you about the C101 amendment?

- a. The usefulness of the information (*e.g. how well it provided you with the information you required*)
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No (*why do you say that?*)
 - iii. Can't say
- b. The accessibility of the information (*e.g. how easy it was to access and understand the information provided by Council*)
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No (*why do you say that?*)
 - iii. Can't say
- c. The timeliness of the information provided by Council
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No (*why do you say that?*)
 - iii. Can't say

11. In what ways, if any, do you think Council could improve the information it provided about the amendment?

- a. Please write in

12. Did you make a formal submission to Council in relation to amendment C101?

- a. Yes
- b. No

13. Are you satisfied that Council has responded adequately and appropriately to submitters?

- a. Yes
- b. No (*why do you say that?*)
- c. Can't say

14. Did you try to contact your local councillor directly in relation to amendment C101?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Can't say

15. If yes in q.14, how did you try to reach your local councillor?

- a. By email
- b. By telephone
- c. By SMS
- d. By social media
- e. Made a personal visit / made an appointment
- f. Spoke to them at a Council meeting
- g. Other (*please specify*):

16. Do you feel that local councillors have?

- a. Properly listened to you and your family's concerns?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No (*why do you say that?*)
 - iii. Can't say
- b. Adequately represented you and your family's interests at Council?
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No (*why do you say that?*)
 - iii. Can't say

17. Do you believe that Council is adequately and properly meeting its obligations to provide procedural fairness and natural justice in relation to amendment C101?

- a. Yes
- b. No (*why do you say that?*)
- c. Can't say

18. Do you believe that amendment C101 will better encourage you as a landowner to improve and enhance the environmental attributes of your property?

- a. Yes
- b. No (*why do you say that?*)
- c. Can't say

19. Do you consider yourself to be an environmentally conscientious and responsible landowner who cares for the land and environment?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Can't say

20. Which, if any of the following activities do you believe are environmentally conscientious and responsible land ownership?

- a. Weed removal
- b. Managing pest animals
- c. Slashing paddocks
- d. Planting native plants and trees
- e. Tidying up around my property and removing dead vegetation
- f. Maintaining property fences
- g. Keeping my animals safe
- h. Controlling erosion
- i. Erecting nest boxes for native animals
- j. Being part of a Friends group or LandCare group
- k. Pasture management
- l. Other (*please specify*):

21. Which, if any of the following activities do you believe are not environmentally conscientious and responsible land ownership?

- a. Removing large amounts of vegetation
- b. Culling pest animals
- c. Allowing over grazing
- d. Allowing weeds to go to seed
- e. Removing native vegetation more than 50 metres from your dwelling for bushfire protection
- f. Planting non-native trees and plants
- g. Allow the property to look untidy / in disrepair
- h. Constructing buildings that don't blend into the environment
- i. Using inappropriate flood prevention measures (e.g. abandoned old vehicles in creeks)
- j. Other (*please specify*):

22. Which, if any of the following are you aware that Council offers to landowners?

- a. Land management education classes
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No
- b. Weed and pest animal programs and incentives
 - i. Yes
 - ii. No

23. What further information or assistance would you require from Council to enable you to improve and enhance the environmental attributes of your property?

- a. Hold more courses in rural areas
- b. Hold information sessions at Council venues
- c. Council officer visits to your property to offer advice
- d. Other (*please specify*):

24. Do you have any other comments you would like to make?

- a. Please write in

25. What is your gender?

- a. Male
- b. Female
- c. Other
- d. Prefer not to say

26. Which of the following best describes you?

- a. 15 to 19 years
- b. 20 to 34 years
- c. 35 to 44 years
- d. 45 to 59 years
- e. 60 to 74 years
- f. 75 years and over
- g. Prefer not to say

27. How long have you lived at your current address?

- a. Less than one year
- b. One to less than five years
- c. Five to less than ten years
- d. Ten years or more
- e. Prefer not to say

28. Which of the following best describes your household structure?

- a. A Sole person household
- b. A couple household without children living at home
- c. A one parent family with child / children living at home
- d. A two parent family with child / children living at home
- e. An extended or multiple family household
- f. A group household of unrelated individuals
- g. Prefer not to say