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To Whom it May Concern,  
I don't support the Planning Proposal 'The Farm, Ewingsdale Road, Byron Bay for amendment to Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014 Byron Shire Council 26.2016.6.1 February 2021'.

Regarding the Education Tours, to my knowledge there has never been a compliance complaint submitted to council. The bakery/takeaway food outlet is another matter. It is not permissible under the current zoning and while the proposal states that the amendment to the LEP will not alter the existing RU1 zoning of the land, it does actually alter the zoning on a section of the land because it allows ***activities that are not permitted on RU1 land***. For a start, it never had permission to operate. It has continued to operate as an unauthorised business for a number of years. Many local businesses would have lost revenue to this unauthorised business. If it has created jobs, that just adds to the pressure on housing in our Shire, which seems to be critical at the moment. The reason we have protections through land zoning is so that farm owners don't engage in activities that are not rural in nature. The Farm is located on regionally significant farmland. There should not be a bakery/takeaway food outlet there.

What should be there is a roadside stall selling produce from the land. Currently the takeaway drinks and alcohol, (not produced on the land) take up more room than the shelves of fruit and vegetables, some of which are from other markets (see photo taken in May 21). When the farm operated as a Flower Farm, from around 1997 or earlier, I would often call in to buy local fruit and vegetables. I now go to the farm to charge my EV and would love to support the local growers, but rarely find much produce to buy. It is certainly not promoted as a roadside stall. I do, however, appreciate the produce made by the Three Blue Ducks and the work of Councillor Lyon to attempt to ensure that only produce grown and made on the farm should be sold there. Unfortunately, this doesn't seem to have been closely monitored and a great deal of the goods sold are not produced on-site.

From the proposal:

'The planning proposal seeks to facilitate non- agricultural uses that are ***directly associated with the existing agriculture***..... or enables or enhances agricultural production at the site.'

This doesn't appear to be the case.

Also from the planning proposal:

'The land is mapped as Regionally Significant Farmland. The planning proposal does not propose to alter the existing RU1 Primary Production zoning. The draft provisions will ensure that non-farming uses are only permitted ***where there is an essential association with agriculture on the land***.'

Note the requirements for a roadside stall on RU1 land:

Roadside Stall Byron LEP 2014

‘A roadside stall is a place or temporary structure used for the retail *sale of agricultural produce or hand crafted goods (or both) produced from the property on which the stall is situated or from an adjacent property.*’

Regarding the VPA, this was a complex matter and many times it seemed to almost be resolved, but then it wasn't.

Back in August 2018, Rob Van Iersel stated:

‘We received the Gateway Determination from the Department of Planning late last week.

We will therefore start to arrange for the Public Exhibition of the proposal. Before that can happen, however, the proponents need to provide us with a draft Voluntary Planning Agreement *relating to dedication of part of their land, along the Ewingsdale Road frontage*, that will allow for a future widening of that road. That draft Agreement will need to be exhibited with the Planning Proposal.

I expect to get that draft document this week.’

There has still been no resolution, even though transport New South Wales determined that The Farm does contribute to traffic issues at the roundabout.

I believe it unwise to adopt the Planning Proposal under these circumstances. The land was purchased as RU1 land and any agreement entered should be based on the value of the land as RU1, not based on the current enhanced value that would be a result of 7 years of operating under unauthorised uses.

From the proposal:

‘3. Development consent must not be granted for any use within the Rural Activity Precinct shown on the Local Provisions Map within Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014, unless Council is satisfied that:

e) traffic generated by the proposed use will not result in total peak hour trips (i.e. from the site as a whole), exceeding 200 trips outside of school holiday periods or 350 trips during holiday periods;’

With no legally binding provision in place to ensure ‘The Farm’ makes a contribution to deal with these traffic issues, it is unwise to allow the wholesale bakery/takeaway outlet, which obviously attracts many visitors on a daily basis (unlike the farm tours) to be made permissible on the site.

Regarding numbers of patrons at the restaurant, a small scale cafe on land usually is allowed up to 60 patrons. The Farm was authorised to have up to 100 patrons. It has consistently breached this number and has also taken business away from other operators in the Shire who do comply with council guidelines and pay commercial rates to council. Once again, jobs have probably been created which then contributes to a critical housing shortage for workers. To fix that, we need more housing... which eventually will make Byron overpopulated, more like a city.

Many of the activities currently running at the farm are compliant under the current RU1 zoning.

Worm Ticklers operates as a plant nursery with the seedlings being grown on site. Some flowers sold at the adjoining business are grown on site but it should not change to operate as a florist and this will need to be monitored in the future.

The Three Blue Ducks were early on given permission to operate seven days a week without consultation of the community. They now have a 10 pm business closing time.

Council concluded back in 2018 that the additional local clause is the appropriate mechanism, rather than changing the zoning of the land, in order to retain the overall agriculture focus and objectives for the site. I, however, believe the agricultural focus is not enhanced or retained by allowing a wholesale bakery/takeaway on the site, or by selling more alcohol/commercial drinks and goods other than farm-grown produce. I appreciate all the work and consideration put in by council staff to try to ensure 'The Farm' operates in a way that retains the overall agriculture focus and objectives of the site. However, I feel that if I don't oppose this proposal, for the reasons given, that we will be eroding farming in pursuit of tourism on our regionally significant farmland, while at the same time allowing the creation of tourism-based jobs that only exacerbate our housing/population demands in a shire that has had too much pressure in this regard in recent years.

Yours Sincerely,  
Kristen Monty

Ewingsdale 2481

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See area of fresh produce, only some of which is grown on-site, compared to takeaway drinks area.

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Your ref:

31 May 2021

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Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION FOR GEORGE, FAE AND TONY FLICK ON PLANNING PROPOSAL TO AMEND BYRON LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2014 IN RESPECT OF THE FARM, CORNER EWINGSDALE ROAD AND WOODFORD LANE, EWINGSDALE, OF BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL 26.2016.6.1 FEBRUARY 2021

George, Fae and Tony Flick are members of the family that own and operate the macadamia and cattle grazing farm adjacent to the north of the Farm. This submission is made on their behalf. This submission addresses the Planning Proposal of February 2021 (the PP) currently on exhibition. Reference is also made to the previous Planning Proposal 2018 (the previous PP) for the Farm and documents previously available in relation to the earlier Planning Proposal.

The PP is addressed using the same headings as in the PP.

### **Background**

The Background on page 2 of the PP refers to the model of the development at the Farm. There is no acknowledgement of the major use of the property for tourism. The non-rural activities include restaurant, bakery, plant nursery, café, education and training. According to the Social Impact Assessment prepared by Tricia Shantz July 2017 (the SIA) the restaurant alone employs 70 to 80 people. Moreover, from the information in the SIA (referred to below) it seems abundantly clear that most of what is grown on the Farm is not used in the restaurant and, even if that situation has improved, most of the restaurant's food materials are not grown on the Farm. There is nothing in the current PP which indicates that this situation is any different now than when the SIA was produced

## **Council Resolutions**

It is understood that the previous PP was to be withdrawn replaced by an amended PP “to be the same as the current” except in relation to deleting the requirement for an infrastructure zone to be replaced by a Voluntary Planning Agreement.

The previous PP has been withdrawn. However, at this point there is both no infrastructure zone and no VPA. The PP refers to a VPA being considered in future development applications. It seems the issues previously identified in relation to traffic have been postponed. It is of concern to the Flick family that more intense development of the site is being contemplated in further development applications on land that is zoned RU 1 and is regionally significant farmland (see below).

Moreover, the PP is not the same as previous. Previously the bakery was to be a wholesale bakery only in existing buildings with 70% of the products containing ingredients sourced directly from the Farm. Under the current PP the proposal is for a retail and/or wholesale bakery. Under the proposed DCP a majority of the products must contain the ingredients sourced from the Farm. However, this would require only the slightest amount of ingredient to satisfy this criterion.

## **Part 2 Explanation of Provisions**

The PP refers to a “Rural Activity Precinct”. However, it appears no or very limited rural activities are proposed in this area of the site. The Precinct is to contain a bakery which, as an artisan food or drink industry, must have a retail area or a restaurant or a facility for holding tastings, tours or workshops. The Precinct can also have an office and education and training facilities. This area also has a large restaurant. It is a misnomer and perhaps misleading to call it a Rural Activity Precinct. It appears rather to be a tourism, restaurant and education precinct. All of which appear inconsistent with the agriculture zoning of the land.

The PP states that the existing unlawful uses on the land are considered to be of low impact. The PP does not take into account the significant other uses on the land. The Traffic Impact Study (Ingen Consulting Pty Ltd 22 June 2018) refers to daily trip generation of 1500 trips per day and during the holiday period 2,125 trips per day (page 45). Nothing has been produced that indicates that the situation has changed since the report.

## **Part 3 Justification**

The PP states that “the existing non farming uses retain an essential association with the agricultural enterprises being undertaken on the land. That agricultural use should remain the dominant land use, with the non-farming uses being undertaken to ensure that the individual smaller-scale farming enterprises remain feasible.”

The worth of this aim is not disputed and is supported by the Flick family. However, it is submitted that the dominant use of the land is not farming it is tourism, restaurant and education.

In relation to the “essential association”:

- (a) The SIA states at page 6 in relation to the bakery: “Over 70% of their products contain ingredients grown on The Farm. All of their ingredients are from Australia. While it would be far cheaper to purchase organic flour from China they don’t because it would not contribute to the local community. Their flour comes from Woods Organic Flour in Inverell. The butter used is made locally. They do not retail at The Farm, they wholesale their products to Three Blue Ducks. ... the Bread Social employs 33 staff.”

From the above description we can draw the conclusion that 30% of the products contain no ingredients at all from The Farm. That the remaining 70% of the product contains some ingredients from The Farm but with no stated quantity. The main ingredient of bread, the flour, does not come from The Farm it comes from Woods Organic Flour in Inverell.

- (b) There is a flower shop at The Farm. Nine people are employed in the flower shop. At page 7 of the SIA: “There are 10-15 local growers of plants and flowers from the Byron Shire who are supplying flowers at The Farm. Every plant at Flowers at the Farm is grown within 100km radius. They sell herbs grown at the Byron Bay Herb Nursery, a social enterprise in itself, set up over 20 years ago to employ people with an intellectual disability. Where possible they stock flowers grown in The Farm’s market garden, such as giant sunflowers that greet people on their drive into Byron Bay along the Ewingsdale Road.” This description would lead the reader to the conclusion that the overwhelming proportion of the flowers from the flower shop are not grown at The Farm.
- (c) Three Blue Ducks restaurant. At page 5 the SIA states that the restaurant employs 70 – 80 people. ... They use local produce and fresh ingredients grown onsite or from regional producers. ... 30% of what is grown on The Farm is used in the restaurant. They are working towards getting this to 60%. A local grower who, three years ago before The Farm, used to take 80% of his eggs to Brisbane; now he is the preferred supplier to the Ducks and those supplies go to the Ducks. The Farm tops up any other eggs that are required.

In other words, most of what is grown on The Farm is not used in the restaurant. Most of the restaurant’s food materials do not appear to be grown on The Farm.

The other issue is the question of the dominant use of the land

One indicia is the number of persons engaged in supply of services or goods at the Farm.

From the above exploration of the activities the number of persons engaged in non-rural activities in three of the several tourist and commercial activities is something in the order of 120 people. It is suggested and seems likely that the number of persons involved with the tourism and retail uses far exceeds those involved in farming.

A second indicia is traffic generation. The description at page 36 of the Ingen Consulting Pty Ltd report "The Farm Byron Bay" "Traffic Impact Study" 22 June 2018 states as follows:

*"The Farm Byron Bay is a one of a kind business in the Northern Rivers and offers a variety of services, including retail, outdoor recreation activities, education and food and drinks. The site is located close to the Pacific Motorway and therefore draws some traffic away from Byron's CBD. Any traffic that would travel to Byron's CBD as well as The Farm would do so over a longer time period, thus reducing the impact of traffic peaks on the road network.*

*When determining traffic and parking generation rates for The Farm Byron Bay, the facility should be approached in the way similar to a shopping centre, where all uses are assessed in a holistic manner, rather than determining trip generation and parking requirements for each individual sub use. ..."*

That the predominant use of the property is and will be under the Planning Proposal not a rural use is well illustrated by the traffic trip generation and parking demand calculations in the traffic report. This is because the agricultural use trip generation and parking is considered so minor as not to be taken into account whereas the non-rural uses as set out in tables 16 and 17 on pages 37 and 38 generate significant parking and traffic rates. Consider the categories in table 18: "Food and drink", "retail", "business/office", "retail", "educational". When considering parking demand the generation of parking spaces for agricultural uses are so insignificant that they need not be considered as a separate category. At page 45: "The 2016 GEA traffic survey at The Farm provided data indicating significant traffic generation: outside the holiday period the daily trip generation is 1,500 trips per day and during the holiday period 2,125 trips per day.

In further considering the use of the property, the RPS Economic Assessment (EA) is of assistance. The EA states that Three Blue Ducks restaurant also includes a coffee outlet and produce store. It is unclear whether the produce store has been approved.

In terms of dominant use the following factors stated in the EA should be considered:

1. Visitors to The Farm have an annual direct expenditure of \$11.9 million. Nothing is mentioned of earnings from farm produce.
2. The scale of visitation is estimated at 500,000 people per annum.
3. The Farm is considered to be a major cultural/recreation/destination landmark.
4. The Farm and onsite operations are considered to be a major employer and are a series of locally exporting businesses.

It is not hard to draw the conclusion from this report that the significance of The Farm and dominant use is not as is not agricultural but as a major tourist attraction in the Shire.

Another factor is the extent of the land used for each of the separate uses: on the one hand the rural use and on the other hand, the tourist use comprising restaurant, café, produce store, flower shop, bakery, meeting rooms and administrative offices.

It is assumed that the PP refers to farming as the dominant use because of the extent of area of use. However, it is submitted that this is only one factor and that when looked at taking into account the other factors above the dominant use is tourism. In relation to the farming use, the Planning Proposal includes non-farm activities in the "farming precinct": agricultural education/appreciation activities, low scale recreation activities, farm field days, exhibitions, farm tours for educational purposes, family picnics and individual/small groups (up to 10 people) on unaccompanied meanders.

As mentioned above, the SIA report says that only some 30% of the produce from The Farm is used in the restaurant. On the other hand, on the basis of the above statements in the SIA, the restaurant is clearly not dependent on The Farm for its produce nor is the bakery and on the evidence available it may well be that assessing the quantity of the farm produce used in the restaurant would lead to a conclusion that such produce is incidental rather than any significant proportion of ingredients in the restaurant business.

## **Section B- relationship to strategic planning framework**

Inconsistent with North Coast Regional Plan 2036

The PP at page 7 refers to the North Coast Regional Plan 2036 dated March 2017 (NCRP). The NCRP at page 6: "This Plan sets regional planning priorities and provides guidance and direction for regional and local planning decisions." At page 7: "A Government direction will be issued to Councils so that when they prepare new planning proposals or update local planning controls, they are consistent with the directions and actions outlined in the Plan."

Direction 11 (page 38) of NRCP is: "Protect and enhance productive agricultural lands." "The most important farmland has been identified and mapped to support long term agricultural production (figure 9)." "Important agricultural land" is defined as follows in the Glossary to NCRP: "The land identified as State or regionally significant farmland under the Northern Rivers Farmland Protection Project (2005) and Mid-North Coast Farmland Mapping Project (2008)."

I am instructed that the Farm is land identified as regionally significant farmland under the Northern Rivers Farmland Protection Project (2005) (the NRFPP).

At page 8 the NCRP refers to a review of the NRFPP recognising that agricultural production may not be suitable on some small pockets of mapped important farmland due to non-biophysical factors that make the land more suited to other uses. "Pending completion of review of the existing farmland mapping projects, the interim important farmland variation criteria will be used to assess the suitability of these pockets of land for non-agricultural land use (appendix B)."

The PP refers to the “important farmland interim variation principles” in assessing the suitability of the non-agricultural land uses.

It is submitted it is difficult to conclude that the Farm satisfies the following criteria included in the criteria required to be met to vary the use to non-agricultural land uses:

*Agricultural capability – the land is isolated from other important farm land and is not capable of supporting sustainable agricultural production.*

*Land use conflict – the land use does not increase the likelihood of conflict and does not impact on current or future agricultural activities in the locality.*

The PP addresses land use conflict on page 10 referring among other things to appropriate buffers in the attached Land Use Risk Assessment (LUCRA). The LUCRA however does not appear to consider the non-farm activities in the “farming precedent”: agricultural education/appreciation activities, low scale recreation activities, farm field days and farm tours for education purposes, family picnics and unaccompanied meanders. In addition, the buffer distance in the LUCRA refers to a vegetated area of 5 metres clear 2 metres of the boundary to the north of the property. This would require a buffer of at least 7 metres. The Flick family submit that in any Planning Proposal the northern lot of the two lots comprising the Farm and which contains mapped SEPPCM wetland would be excluded from being within a “farming precinct” i.e. the exclusion of Lot 1 DP 78234. They also submit there should be a 300 metre buffer to the “farming precinct” from the de-husking plant on the Flick farm to the north should any PP proceed.

In relation to land use conflict if the PP proceeds our clients submit there ought to be an additional consideration under proposed clause E5.8.3 “Rural Activity Precinct” in the DCP amendment under “Prescriptive Measures” that the consent authority be satisfied the proposed development will not pose or increase any biosecurity risks to existing agricultural/primary production activities on neighbouring properties.

Our clients also are concerned in relation to impacts on their property in relation to the transpiration beds for the onsite sewerage management system. We are instructed the transpiration beds fall directly towards our clients’ orchard.

### **Rural Land Use Strategy**

At page 12 the PP states that the proposal is consistent with the Council’s rural land use strategy in that it aims to ensure that farming remains the dominant use of the land with uses within the activities precinct only permitted where they maintain an essential association with the onsite agriculture.

As outlined above it is submitted that the dominant use of the land is tourism. Further, as submitted above, there does not appear to be imposed any criteria to ensure an essential association of the activities precinct with the onsite agriculture. The flowers do not seem to be sourced from the site or mainly sourced from the site. The bakery products do not seem to be mainly sourced from the site. The restaurant products do not seem to be mainly sourced from the site.

## **State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018**

At page 14 the PP states that it will not facilitate development on areas mapped as proximate to coastal wetlands. However, it appears that the site not only has areas proximate to coastal wetlands but areas that are coastal wetlands as mapped under the State Environmental Planning Policy. These are shown on page 14 of the planning proposal. Moreover, it appears the following development is proposed on both the wetland area and proximate area: agricultural education/appreciation activities, low scale recreation activities, farm field days, exhibitions, farm tours for educational purposes, family picnics and unaccompanied meanders. It is therefore submitted that the northern lot being Lot 1 DP 780234 should be excluded from any PP. This area is also described as containing an effluent disposal area which would be another reason why this land should be excluded from having recreational use.

### **Summary**

On behalf of George, Fae and Tony Flick it is submitted for the reasons referred to above that:

1. The planning proposal should not proceed because it reinforces and consolidates the dominant use of the land of tourism when tested by the income earned, number of persons visiting, number of persons using the site, traffic generated, persons employed, impact on the environment.
2. The planning proposal should not proceed because the land is regionally significant farmland, is zoned for primary production and not for tourism.
3. For the reasons given above there is insufficient buffer to the adjacent farming land taking into account the "farm experience" beyond the rural activity precinct which is proposed in the planning proposal and the conflict between use of the land for farm experience as opposed to farming and adjacent farming activity.
4. Given the potential for conflict between farming activity to the north which under the planning instruments must be the priority, and use for recreation, tours, education of the Farming Precinct, biosecurity is an essential element which should be included in any consideration of development applications including a requirement for a biosecurity management plan of the Farm so as to ensure no impact or risk to the neighbouring farming operations.
5. The 5 metre wide planted buffer should be set back 2 metres from the northern property boundary and, in addition, a reasonable buffer in accordance with DPI standards to the recreation, touring and meandering activities.
6. The western end which contains mapped coastal wetland but which is apparently used for treated effluent disposal should be excluded from the recreation and farm experience activities.
7. So as not to enlarge the non-rural uses, the bakery should be limited to a boutique wholesale bakery and not be in the broader definition of artisan food and drink industry.
8. Our clients remain concerned that traffic impacts have not been resolved and dealt with, that there is a lack of criteria to assess the connection between farm produce at the property and the commercial activities at the property and in relation to water run off onto our clients' property from the treated effluent disposal area.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Woolf

Vicki Flick

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To whom it may concern

Re – Planning Proposal for The Farm Corner Ewingsdale Road and Woodford Lane, Byron Bay. Lot and DP: Lot 1 DP780234 and Lot 5 DP848222.

I do not support the Current Planning Proposal at this site lodged with BSC and NSW Department of Planning due to the following reasons;

1. The mishandling of unauthorised development on this site by Byron Shire Council since inception 6 years ago. Council were fully aware of the non-approved activities being conducted on this site from the day of opening. It took 12 months of corresponding with Council, before the actual approvals that had been passed on this site were release for public information. Extensions in trading hours were issued without any application for extensions within DA 10.2015.151.1 and or any notice to the community.

Council have used vast amounts of the Shire ratepayers' resources and \$ to try to make a "square peg fit into a round hole" in the past 6 years and have endeavoured to find ambiguities for the development to fit rather than enforce compliance. Council with its lack of early intervention and action have contributed to the tourism and commercialisation of this regionally significant agricultural parcel of land.
2. After 6 years of advising Byron Shire Council of our land use conflict issue with The Farms' OSMS, we are still no closer to having a resolution.

The Farms' OSMS is located on our boundary fence line (approved by BSC) with domestic setbacks not commercial setbacks.

There is potential for runoff into our macadamia orchard from 2 of the transpiration beds. We were advised by our Freshcare Food Technologist and Auditor Anthony Peart in February 2016 that we would not be permitted to harvest macadamia nuts off the ground of this block whilst there was potential for OSMS runoff as it was a food safety issue.

This macadamia season we have resorted to hand-picking the macadamia nuts off the trees, however we should not have to continue this labour intensive and costly process due to a lack of action on this issue.

Council have indicated they cannot do anything about this OSMS issue unless it was a condition of a DA or PP.

This issue was completely ignored in the Planning Proposal.

Staff have also advised that if the Planning Proposal goes through then The Farm may connect to the town sewer. But there is no timeframe given for when that "may" happen. Steps to rectify this issue should be included in the Planning Proposal, as I am sure that Freshcare Food Safety Authority would not be happy with potential transpiration bed runoff regardless of outputs.

Thank you for completing the audit today

Upon review of the situation with the neighbor who has installed a septic system close by to your property.

There is major concern of pathogen carry over to your property from the septic system which has been installed

The concern is that since the macadamia are harvested from ground level, there is the potential for pathogen uptake onto shell and risking a food borne outbreak

The example would Salmonella sp.

Since Salmonella can survive on dry surfaces like macadamia shell and since the carry over from the septic system would definitely carry Salmonella and other pathogens including E coli, Listeria and various virus including Noro and Norwalk virus, It is recommended that this situation be reviewed with the local council to ensure that the septic system is managed such that no carry over e.g. during high rainfall events or in times of heavy loading of the septic system effect your property in any way

It would appear that there is high potential for this to occur as one large section of the transpiration bed falls directly into an area where you plan to have new macadamia trees

This is a major issue that needs to be addressed as matter of urgency

It is recommended that no macadamia is to be harvested from the affected area until such times as the situation is mitigated

**Thanks**

**Anthony Peart  
Food Technologist**



3. The buffers that are proposed within the Planning Proposal have decreased significantly compared to what was originally recommended from the Department of Primary Industries (DPI). The Planning Proposal should follow the DPI guidelines and recommendations, after all, they are the expert body on agricultural.
4. Noise has been a consistent issue since weddings and functions were permitted on the site with weddings and functions being held illegally within the farm barn and consistently going until 11pm at night with loud music and loud voices (closing hours are 10pm).  
We have tried many times to call the venue over the years, regarding this on the night but cannot contact anyone as the phone rings with no answer and when a message is left, the call is never returned nor the complaint followed up.  
Hopefully Council enforces the recommendations in the LUCRA for the venue to have strategies to deal with noise complaints and record and respond to each query when hosting events.
5. The wording "Rural Activity Precinct" is misleading.  
What rural activities are actually being conducted in this precinct? This precinct in the PP (and current uses) is predominately to be used for tourism, training and

dining purposes, yet the “Rural Activity Precinct” site is on the RU1 agricultural zone.

It seems if “rural”, “farming” or “agricultural” is placed within the wording of a Development Application on RU1 zoned land then it is automatically related to agriculture.

6. The bakery (artesian food and drink industry) should not be permitted on this site as “light industrial” is not an authorized activity on the RU1 zone and I find it hard to draw a connection to the bakery and rural activity or produce grown on site .

The majority of a sour dough bread product is flour, water, salt and a sour dough starter made from flour and water. What of these products are grown on The Farm? How do cakes, pastries and donuts correlate to products being grown on The farm? A few herbs sprinkled on top of sourdough is hardly “majority”.

Do the farm even raise their own eggs now to be used in their restaurant and bakery products? The Farm are currently selling eggs from Scrubby Gully in their retail premises.

The Planning proposal does not even state in relation to the Bakery, what the “majority of the products” (that are grown on the site) are.

To ensure the bakery fits into the Artesian Food and Drink Industry with a direct Principal Purpose to agriculture on the site – one would assume that transparency would be required on

- What actual products were grown on The Farm and used in the bakery products produced.
- Do these products make up the “majority” of the product.

This is an unenforceable component to the Planning Proposal.

7. Fresh produce grown on site and sold through the retail/tourism premises seems to be minimal, making this then predominately a retail precinct for tourism, retail and coffee.

Within this large tourism Precinct there is a small refrigerator with some fresh produce.

Some with stickers from other growing locations (apples), some labelled with “The Farm Produce” (herbs, daikon, radish, garlic, and a few lettuces), some with no indication where they are grown at all. (onions, limes, lemons, mandarin).

The Farm as of today 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 have reinstalled the super market style shelving containing products that are not produced on site or by the 3 blue ducks.

They include as an example: Happy Happy Soy Boy, Macamilk, Bear, Farmer Jo, Salumi, Suria, Brooklet Spring Farms, Scrubby Gully Eggs, Brook Farms, Priests apples, Mindful foods, Killer Bee, Church Farm, Zest and Crack Farms.

All wonderful local products, however not grown or produced on this site. Retail is prohibited activity on the RU1 zone.





Being that I am a neighbour to The Farm development, I do not support a Planning Proposal to regularise the unauthorised non-compliance at The Farm Byron Bay. I feel this Planning Proposal has a lot of immeasurable and unenforceable components to in regards to traffic, produce grown onsite etc. Council have already shown with its past actions that it does not have the resources at its disposal to monitor this site to ensure it is meeting conditions of consent on a regular basis.

Regards Vicki Flick

Mark Tidy

Dear General Manager, I am writing to lodge objection to the above planning proposal. The first reason is that it undermines the current zoning planning which has served the area for many generations. The back planning to allow the current owners to achieve their own demands for the land use undermines adjacent lands and sets precedent for spot rezoning that may cause future planning problems. The second reason is that if proponent gets the spot rezoning approved will then more than likely request to be connected Byron STP. As a current director of Belongil catchment drainage board I am concerned as current drainage network for Byron STP treated effluent is at capacity and needs infrastructure upgrades that will cost council many \$\$ and needs future planning. Please give Byron Council time to get its infrastructure in place so can serve the current population and environment more adequately before approving this planning proposal. Regards Mark Tidswell

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Friday May 28th

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Andy Allen and I am one of the part owners of Three Blue Ducks.

I am writing to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Being there from day 1, I've been a part of what The Farm and connecting businesses have worked so hard on and built from the dirt up and what a positive impact it has been on the local community of Byron and surrounding areas.

In regards to the proposal at hand, educating people has always been a focus for everyone involved in and around The Farm. We've all worked together to cross pollinate and share each other's knowledge, to pass it through the local community. The proposal really allows us to take this to another level and I really hope you can see how important and beneficial it is for all.

Please don't hesitate to personally reach out and get in touch if there's any more information or help I can provide to get the proposal over the line.

Thanks for you time.

Andy Allen

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Abbie Gibson of Myocum.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked closely with, lived near and was employed by The Farm in it's first 2 years of operation. I still visit most days and consider my time there some of the most rewarding and inspiring years of my career.

Due to this I have followed the planning process and was part of the team that initiated the education program, Simpsons Creek/Brunswick Valley Landcare regeneration and the NRCF wishing well project amongst many others. I have witnessed personally the value, strength and contribution from The Farms on-site business community to not only the Byron shire and local community but throughout the Northern Rivers and beyond. The businesses are good at their hearts, ethically and sustainably driven and everything we could ask for from businesses in our community.

I could go on and on about the importance of what they have collectively achieved and the positive impact they have had on the lives of many but I will stop here. I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you need to discuss further.

Kind regards,

Abbie Gibson,

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

The 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Alban GROGNET

I am writing this letter to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been working at The Farm for the past 2 years.

The Farm has been a great place to work. I am proud of being part of this project which provide a great approach to what a farm is in a lot of different aspects. The quality of the service and products are in my opinion outstanding. The positive impact on the community is there and very important through educational program and the supply of local products.

Although the bakery "The Bread social" implanted on the site provides me a full time job giving me the opportunity to thrive, make a living and participate to the local economy.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support to this Planning Proposal.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by email or phone for further clarification.

Kind regards,

Alban GROGNET

**From:**  
**To:** [council: c](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting the Farm planning proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 2:25:35 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

26/5/21

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Amanda Scott

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been a visitor of the Farm for the past 5 years and have loved watching it grow and flourish and offer support to the community. I have lived close by in the past 12 months.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and see the farm continue to thrive and offer community programs and a great community meeting place to connect with others and for my child to play and connect with other children and learn about the environment.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information

Warm Regards,

Amanda Scott

New Brighton  
NSW 2483

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Saturday 29th of May

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Adria Soler Roldan, worker for The Bread Social.  
I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. I work currently in The Farm for almost a year.

I support the future projects of The farm because they are completely conscious with the earth and the environment, besides that they educate the new generations to keep this green way that this planet needs so urgently.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

Kind regards,

Adria Soler Roldan

Ewingsdale NSW 2481

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, 24 May 2021 3:26:46 PM

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Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager

Dear Mr. Arnold,

I'm writing to show my support of the Farm's planning proposal. The Farm and its multitude of growers, makers and bakers has been an inspiration to my family. Indeed, the existence of the Farm was part of the reason we chose to move to the area 5 years ago. In the Farm we saw a business that served and enriched its local community, and supported the growers and artisans who make our region special.

It may seem insignificant, but the ready access to organic, local and Australian produce the Farm provides is a huge part of the appeal of this area (not to mention the Bread Social's truly masterful sourdough breads and baked goods). It would be a huge loss to our community to see the Farm's current activities or offerings curtailed in any way. The Farm also offers our children the opportunity to learn about where their food comes from and all the aspects of a healthy ecosystem required to make it. As someone who grew up in a desert, completely removed from any awareness of farming or ecology, I am especially grateful that my children are offered this experience and connection with farming and nature.

My family and I are very happy to support this planning proposal in full. We have no business interest or beneficial connections to the Farm — just some friends who work there. While not part of this proposal, if asked we would support expanding the Farm's offering.

All the best,  
Michael Adamo

Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

21 May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Amber Wood and while I am a Sydneysider I am a frequent tourist in Byron Bay and wanted to write to show my support of the Farm's Planning Proposal.

Whenever I am in Byron my first stop is The Farm, specifically their bakery. My family and I really enjoy being able to take our kids to the farm and participate in the education tours they put on around sustainable farming etc. We feel it is a very important role that The Farm is playing in the community by having activities available and without The Bread Social I am really unsure if we would continue to travel to Byron as frequently knowing that this is such a loved activity for my family.

I am so happy to support this Planning Proposal and hope the council decides to as well. It has become such a highlight of our time in Byron.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any other questions.

Yours Sincerely,

Amber Wood

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Approval for the Farm  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 12:16:23 PM  
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Dear Council,

I wanted to let you know that I support The Farm's Planning proposal.

I understand the Farm management may have extended on their consent conditions at the start but are now trying to rectify that.

The Farm is very successful and is major asset to the community. I know that it has contributed to good causes over the years as well as running a successful business on that site.

I encourage you to assist them to make this successful and valuable contribution to Byron Shire's culture and amenity a permanent fixture for our community.

Sincerely

Michael Murray



Michael Murray  
Buyers Agent/ Vendors Advocate

[www.byronpropertysearch.com.au](http://www.byronpropertysearch.com.au)

Skype: michaelmurray



**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** letter of support for "The Farm" proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 11:41:52 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

26/5/2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Brad (Bunya) Halasz of Growing Roots Permaculture

I am writing to express my support for 'The Farm's' Planning Proposal.

My business has leased land for food production at The Farm for 4 years now. After years of being a regenerative food producer in various projects in the Byron Shire over the last 15 years, I have only been really effective, productive and functional since beginning leasing land at The Farm. The security of tenure offered, the onsite infrastructure available to farmers and the great marketing opportunity of this site has been the single greatest boost to turnover my business has seen. We have now grown to rent 2 acres of land on the site – experimenting with Agroforestry techniques and have already made a huge impact on soil health and have drawn huge interest from visitors to the farm. Out of this has grown in the last couple of years, the beginnings of an education programme with huge growth potential. We have had 100 or more participants on 12 week 'Living Agroecology' courses where we have trained participants in the fundamentals of regenerative agriculture and have huge interest already in our next course due to commence in August. Our years of investment in planting trees in integrated vegetable production systems combined with the facilities at the farm including car parking, onsite food and farm buildings suited to all weather group gatherings makes The Farm the perfect venue for evolving this education programme – specifically designed for residents of the Shire to share locally relevant information about food production in our region – for commercial or domestic food growing.

I wish to give my voice in support of The Farms planning proposal as not only my business has built its foundation from here but so many others also. The burgeoning demand from the public for meaningful engagement with land and food production is actually a great boost for farmers and an opportunity to outreach to local consumers and educate them of the issues around local food. All growers on the site are seeing the opportunity of courses and farm tours as a way to do this and to supplement their income from farming – helping us to invest in a more regenerative approach to our work – something that few farmers can consider unless they can earn \$ outside of the tight margins of food production. In short – the ecotourism and educational opportunities of public access sites like the farm are a great opportunity to boost regenerative farming in our region. There is no where in the shire better suited to this than The Farm – we have built a foundation of education which has evolved from strong public demand and the legitimisation of this work on the site is very important for the cause of local food producers in this region.

I support the Farm Planning proposal in full for the above reasons and for the continuation of the amazing artisan baking onsite – the best in the shire.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss any further details

Yours sincerely

Brad Halasz



Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

25 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

I am writing on behalf of B Lab Australia & New Zealand, the not-for-profit organisation behind the B Corp certification.

We wish to express our support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

B Lab helped to certify The Farm as a B Corp in April 2019. Certified B Corporations, or B Corps, are companies verified by B Lab to meet the highest standards of social and environmental performance, transparency, and accountability. B Corps are part of a global movement of people using business as a force for good. Together, we are shifting our economic system from profiting only the few to benefitting all, from concentrating wealth and power to ensuring equity, from extraction to regeneration, and from prioritizing individualism to embracing interdependence. The Farm is proudly part of this movement.

The Farm's approach to regenerative farming and commitment to systems change through education is not only aligned with the values of the B Corp movement, but is also why B Lab supports The Farm's Planning Proposal.

We are very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express our support for The Farm as a B Corp.

Please feel free to get in touch with our team for more information.

Kind regards,

Kira Day

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, 31 May 2021 9:17:18 AM  
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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

31/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Ben Nairne.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal

I have visited The Farm since it first opened.

I'm in support of the planning proposal because it will support educational activities focused on organic regenerative farming and food sovereignty which I think is very important to teach young people in our Shire. It's important that we share this knowledge to ensure we are doing our part in creating a sustainable future for our region.

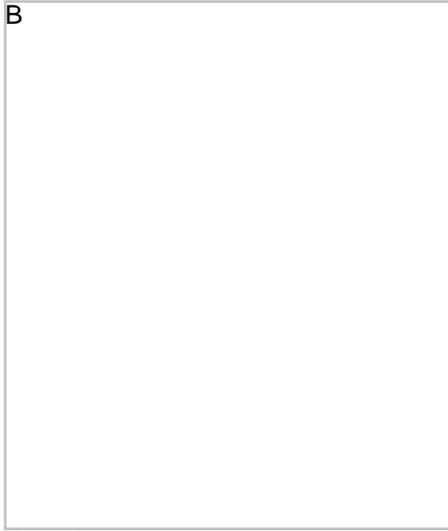
I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

Yours Sincerely,  
Ben Nairne

Bangalow

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28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

General Manager  
Byron Shire Council

**RE: The Farm's Planning Proposal.**

Bangalow Koalas Inc. fully supports The Farm's proposal to amend the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to approve existing land uses at The Farm.

The amendment will allow the continued educational capacity The Farm currently runs, including kids and school group workshops, farm tours and industry training. Bangalow Koalas recently were involved with The Seeds of Hope workshops that were held at The Farm.

We are working with The Farm to hold more educational workshops as part of our Koala Wildlife Corridor, as well as educational Koala Health and Habitat Workshops aimed at creating citizen scientists in the Byron Shire.

The Bread Social is a community minded business employing many local people and offering support for disadvantaged youth. As the amendments do not change any existing land uses nor change current zoning of RU1 we are fully supportive of The Farm.

Yours sincerely

Linda Sparrow  
President  
Bangalow Koalas Inc.



**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Support of The Farm's Planning Proposal.  
**Date:** Monday, 31 May 2021 7:14:19 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express the Byron Bay Chamber's support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

The Farm has been an active and supportive pillar within the Byron Shire not only creating opportunities for microbusinesses to collaborate but also, through their GIVE BACK programs supporting *Liberation Larder*, *Northern Rivers Community Foundation*, *Brunswick Valley Landcare*, *Zero Emissions Byron* amongst others.

Since the beginning, the Farm has been a valued member of the Byron Bay Chamber and as a venue, we are always excited to host our events with the help of their generous hospitality.

The Byron Bay Chamber is in complete support of this Planning Proposal. Please do not hesitate to reach out at \_\_\_\_\_ if you have any questions.

With a most sincere recommendation,



**Katee Blizzard**  
Executive Officer  
Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce  
**Office Hours Tues. & Thurs. 9am-3pm**

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**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal - In support of this proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 3:10:49 PM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

20 May 2021

Dear Sir,

My name is Christine Fowler.

I am resident of Ocean Shores, NSW.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. Since The Farm opened I have been a regular visitor to The Farm and also taken friends who are visiting from overseas or other places in Australia.

I support the planning proposal because I think it offers a very special and unique contribution to our local community through its education and information processes; and providing a very visible example of sustainable living.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full and very much appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

I am happy to provide further clarification if required, through [email](#):

Kind regards,

Christine Fowler

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm's Planning Proposal letter of support  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 1:24:55 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I want to express my support to The Farm's proposed plans to continue their educational activities.

I consider The Farm a key venue in our region, both for what it offers local families and visitors alike, and for what it stands for.

There is never enough education about sustainable farming, and if anything more is needed!

I hope that their Planning Proposal will be allowed, including maintaining the bakery (their bread is great).

Sincerely,

Christian Pazzaglia

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support of The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 5:27:48 PM

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Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

29.05.2021

Dear Mr. Arnold and Byron Shire Council

I am one of the owners of Three Blue Ducks and my name is Chris Sorrell. The reason for my email is to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My partner and I have been living in the Byron Shire for almost 6 years, we moved here to put down roots, follow a dream and start a business that held our personal core values true. An ethos that puts the environment, our employees, our customers, and quality above all else. What I found in Byron was a strong and loving community of like-minded people and businesses that share those values. My partner and I both work on site and are there almost every day, either for work or to get a loaf of bread and a coffee on our days off. I love being involved in this ever-growing and strengthening community that has its center at The Farm. The people I have met and the friendship I have made over the years with locals and visitors are numerous, all brought together because of their shared beliefs and values.

The Farm and the businesses onsite provide so much to people living in The Shire and its visitors, from the education of children and adults on topics from regenerative organic farming practices, paddock to plate philosophy, and the relationship of such principles with health and wellbeing. To teaching people about composting, fermenting, baking sourdough bread, and cooking. The Bread Social is a key part of The Shire community, they provide the people of Byron with amazing bread, which is more than just a daily essential, it is a symbol of that community that we all feel a part of. They employ over 60 staff that all live locally. The Bread Social supports multiple local charities and community initiatives, and they help train and educate our youth. Collectively, the business onsite at The Farm do so many positive things for our local community and local environment that it is impossible to list them all here in this email. I am proud and happy of the family that we have created and are involved in and I support the planning proposal in full.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

All the best,  
Chris Sorrell  
Director / Group Head Barista

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 6:41:34 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

(INSERT DATE)

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Cathy Sullivan) of Suffolk Park

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have taken my child to the The Farm from the moment it opened.

I support the plan in proposal as we need more things for kids to do in the area to keep them out of trouble or from getting bored and us parents having to drive to the Gold Coast for activities.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information/Please don't hesitate to contact me/Please call me for further clarification.

Kind regards  
Cathy

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Chris Verinder, Sous Chef of Three Blue Ducks Byron Bay.

This letter is in regards to my support towards The Farm's Planning Proposal. I have worked here as a chef and part of the management team for the last four years. My partner works for The Bread Social, these companies are our whole lively-hood and further more our family. As hospitality workers we spend a lot of time with our colleagues and have been through a lot together especially over the past 18 months.

I am proud to work for Three Blue Ducks and along side The Bread Social, The Farm, and all of the businesses here. I fully back our ethos of sustainable food practices such as, our composting and waste management systems, our zero food miles on produce we grow at The Farm, our plastic free policy, our bid towards educating people on sustainable practices and many more.

I hope this letter reaches out to you as this place is very important to me and I know it is the same for many others. I am willing to discuss any of this further should you or any council members have any questions.

Kind regards,

Chris Verinder  
Ocean Shores NSW

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, 21 May 2021 10:35:29 AM

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For the attention of-

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
Mullumbimby

21/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Charlotte Jenkin, I am a parent in the Byron shire, a home owner and am employed as a librarian at a local school.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked closely with and visited The Farm since its inception many years ago. My children have grown up visiting The Farm for family outings and then been employed there as they grew up in part time jobs and have completed work experience there through their school years.

We feel enormously privileged to have The Farm on our doorstep here in Byron as it is accessible to all and educates and inspires so many. I have a son that is now moving into further studies in Agriculture inspired by his work experience at The Farm.

In the week he was there he worked with Farm Management, in animal care, in the kitchen gardens and in the Bread Social. He stated that he didn't realise how much work went into making a croissant and that he was very lucky to experience what goes on behind the scenes. The Farm set up a programme for him that was hands on and informative. They employ many local men and women and bring only good to our community.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full and appreciate the opportunity to express mine and my families support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if required.

Kind regards,  
Charlotte Jenkin

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

24/05/2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Damon Gameau, director of the films 2040 and That Sugar Film.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. It is rare to find a commercial operation that does such a terrific job of reconnecting people to food, land and the community values we so urgently require in this moment.

It is my opinion that one of the best opportunities we have to turn around our ecological dilemmas is to bring value and meaning to nature. The best way we can do that is to educate our children and give them a visceral experience of where their food comes from and how it is produced. The Farm sits a key player in this process and should be encouraged to expand its endeavours.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification.

Kind regards,

Damon Gameau

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28-05-2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Dan Readman. My wife and I own bayleaf cafe In Marvel St.

We are all very familiar with the farm and the positivity, employment, trade and Byron ethos it upholds and brings to the community so I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

Speaking as individuals, business owners and part of this vibrant community we have worked closely with the farmers, Bread social suppliers and of course visited many times with friends from the community and visitors from all over Australia.

I want to throw our support behind the planing proposal as there are so many unique positive experiences that this place brings to our community from student education to regenerative farming and the education that goes with that. The exceptional produce, namely the bread, we use from the bread social and how they produce their products in line with the environmental and sustainable goals of this community and simply the unique space this whole concept is for representing the food, farming, production and education of all the sustainable and environmental objects of this community. It is a place that shows others that it is possible and how to achieve these goals.

We are very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full and appreciate the opportunity to express our support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification.

With thanks,

Dan Readman

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager  
**Date:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 6:44:43 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482  
30/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Darren Robertson of Three Blue Ducks, Byron Bay.

I am contacting you to express my full support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. **Myself, my family and my business work very closely with the Farm. We see education as an important and integral part of all of our future. Therefore, I am 100% in support of in this Planning Proposal.**

**Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything I can do to help with this.**

Best wishes.  
Darren Robertson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** In support of The Farm planning proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 8:24:08 PM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30.05.21

To whom it may concern,

My name is Daisy Sekulla and I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My young family and many of our close friends have been almost weekly visitors and customers to the venues operating on The Farm since it first opened five years ago.

I am in support of approving the planning proposal for existing tenures on The Farm for many reasons.

Firstly I am in support of the fantastic learning opportunities afforded to children through their informative and educational workshops as well as the versatile workshops offered to adults. Secondly the jobs The Farm and Bread Social have created and made available to people in our community is vital to people's livelihoods and incomes. Also to be mentioned is their providing of unbeatable, delicious mostly organic, freshly baked breads and pastries to the greater community.

Lastly their shared ethos held on building and promoting a sustainable business model ie, regenerative farming practices, use of grey water, onsite treatment of septic, planting of 8000+ native trees, donations to liberation larder etc is exemplary.

On behalf of my family I appreciate the opportunity to express our support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
Daisy

Daisy Sekulla

Brunswick Heads  
2483 NSW

**From:**

**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 3:45:16 PM

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Attention: Mark Arnold,  
General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482

20/5/2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is David Williamson. I live at Ewingsdale.

My partner and I visit the Farm regularly, and enjoy the ambience, good food and service and their divine Bread Social.

I am writing to express our support for the Farm's Plan and hope sincerely that Council and staff also support the plan and encourage this excellent facility that is a model development and a major attraction to our region.

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide feedback.

With Best wishes.

David Williamson

Ewingsdale NSW 2481

From:  
To: [council](#)  
Subject: The Farms Planning Proposal  
Date: Sunday, 30 May 2021 5:21:43 PM

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**Attention:**  
**Mark Arnold, General Manager**  
**Byron Shire Council**  
**PO Box 219,**  
**Mullumbimby**  
**NSW 2482**

**26th may 2021**

To whom it may concern,

My name is Paul Dewhurst.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. I started with the three blue ducks the day that we opened the restaurant at the farm. It was the entire reason I got involved with the ducks. Doing something that until then had never been done. Since then a lot has changed, byron has grown, and a lot of money has flowed in but our commitment to upholding what we set out to do at the farm has not changed. We have an avid bunch of loyal staff and it is the cornerstone of our whole brand and livelihood.

We want to ensure that the planning proposal is supported so that the livelihoods of all the farms staff, tenants, owners, employees continue and we continue to do something that hasn't been done before.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

**Yours sincerely**

**Paul Dewhurst**

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Thanks Paul Dewhurst

**Attention:**  
**Mark Arnold,**  
General Manager  
Byron Shire Council

**From:**  
**Dianne Fielding**  
The Farm  
Family Descendent  
North Nowra 2541

30th May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Dianne Fielding, I am one of the Higgins/Flick Family descendants, my grandmother Doris Flick was born at The Farm and we still continue an association with the current land holders. My mother's cousin George (and Fae) Flick still own the adjoining property & we visit whenever in the area.

I am writing for you to have on record our family's continuing support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. We have supported The Farm and its fantastic work for many years and had worked closely with the original owners when they published their book about the Farm. Their communication and willingness to include our family's history was well received by all our existing family members.

**'WHY ARE SUPPORT THE FARMS PLANNING PROPOSAL?'**

Firstly, as a family with many school teachers (both primary & secondary) we support the programs involving sustainable farming & definitely regenerative agriculture. With our farmland continuing to be reduced (to make way for development) we strongly support the opportunities provided by The Farm to a variety of learners especially when children really need to learn about 'paddock to the plate'. Having 'hands on' experience & practices are likely to be adopted. We believe positive practices to secure and maintain our valuable farmland particularly on the North coast of NSW is essential to both our environment and the health of our nation.

Secondly, we love the concept of The Bread Social whose reputation is unparalleled around the Byron hinterland using ethically sourced ingredient,(a rarity, these days!) They support local jobs and more importantly "give a go" to both disadvantaged youth & the local community. So many people are wanting to adopt healthy & safe food practices & preparation using organic, local and very importantly Australian produce. The Farm is a wonderful environment for learning and enjoyment of classes.

In today's world of 'make money at all costs' it is heart warming to see The Farm Give Back programs. So thirdly, we want to continue to see the wonderful partnerships The Farm foster, giving to our homeless and protecting our precious environment. We particularly enjoy see native trees replanted on what was Great Grandmother's Farm. Having locally produced produce and environmentally friendly practices are an excellent example to what other communities and organisations could also be doing across our nation.

All our family members are strongly supporting this Planning Proposal in full and definitely appreciate the opportunity to express our ongoing support. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,  
*Dianne Fielding*

*On Behalf of Family members - Noreen Fielding (Grand daughter of Anna Maria Higgins) Barry, Carolyn,  
Susie Fielding (Great Grandchildren of Anna Maria Higgins)*

**Attention:**

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28/05/2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ebony Astley, Commercial Support at Byron Bay Property Sales. I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked closely with The Farm in their managing agency for the past 12 months, as well as living near property (I have lived on Woodford Lane for the past almost year).

Both living near and working with The Farm brings me great enjoyment and I feel so lucky to be a part of such a wonderful community. From the little things to being able to have my morning walk from my house to The Farm and then around the premises, to being on the administrative end and seeing all the work that's put in to give back to the community (Farm Kids, workshops, regeneration etc).

I am extremely happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please feel free to get in touch via phone or email for more information.

With thanks,

Ebony Astley  
Commercial Support – Byron Bay Property Sales

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 9:49:04 AM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

25th May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Esther Muths and I have a business as a farmer within The Farm, Roots and All.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My business has worked within The Farm for the last 2 years.

I believe that the planning proposal is beneficial to the community and necessary as it provides opportunity and knowledge to the region.  
It teaches the young and the old about doing the right thing for Mother Earth ranging from where food comes from, paddock to plate, the importance of organic farming, growing your own food and so many other important factors that is necessary for our community.

The farm has always supported the community by providing job opportunities, working closely with liberation larder, collaborating with Brunswick Valley Landcare - planting over 8300 native trees across The Farm, supporting local businesses and providing a educational space for the community to learn and grow.

Having a in-house bakery has been a great opportunity for employment within the community. With the zero mileage of baked goods being created and within hours on the shelf for retail allows the customers to experience their amazing creations.

Bread social also provide workshops to teach the community how to create their Artisan sourdough, bread and baked goods using organic, local and Australian products.

I believe The Farm is a experience and a opportunity for the community to learn, grow and educate!

I am very happy to support the Planning Proposal.

Please call me for further clarification.

Yours sincerely

Esther Muths

**From:**

**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 4:37:32 PM  
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Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

My name is Ellie and I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. I am a regular visitor along with my family and this proposal is at the core to the farm's attraction. It is why we come. It is hugely beneficial to locals and to tourists and I believe at the core of the local community's heart beat.

Thanks  
Ellie

Ellie Parker  
Food and lifestyle writer



27 May 2021

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Dear Mr Arnold

**Re: Sourdough Business Pathways Support for The Farm's Planning Proposal**

Sourdough Business Pathways (Sourdough) is a local not for profit organisation with the purpose of providing a strong future for the next generation in the Northern Rivers region by building businesses that generate prosperity and jobs. We achieve this by helping existing businesses to be more sustainable, overcome challenges and grow, and by supporting entrepreneurs with innovative ideas to create new businesses and generate new jobs.

This letter is in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal to amend the Local Environment Plan (LEP) 2014 to approve current land uses at the Farm.

We have been involved with The Farm since its very early days and have benefited from many connections with its staff, especially with the provision of mentoring for local businesses through the Sourdough Business Pathways Mentor Program. We see the value that the Farm brings through its education on the business of farming, at the same time educating the public on the impact their actions have on the environment.

Sourdough is keen to support businesses that demonstrate 'Collaboration for Conscious Business' and The Farm does exactly that through the education of the wider public on organic, regenerative farming, small-scale farm diversification, paddock to plate philosophy and their benefits to health, wellbeing, and community. We see it throughout The Farm's ecosystem with the wholistic management of the land, especially through regeneration, the planting of native trees across much of the property, and careful management and reuse of organic waste. The businesses within The Farm actively implement important practices such as zero food/transport miles for restaurant, bakery and other onsite businesses where possible, plastic free policies, and their employment of locals. The Farm also provides value to the community through their partnerships and collaboration with key local groups including the Northern Rivers Community Foundation, Liberation Larder, Brunswick Valley Landcare and Zero Emissions Byron.

We look forward to collaborating further with members of The Farm's teams to educate local food providers on the *business* of farming and food production, to support those businesses as they adopt conscious business practices, helping them stay viable, scale their businesses, and provide additional jobs for our community.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any additional information or clarification.

Kind regards

Fiona Sheridan  
General Manager

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

29.05.2021

To whom it may concern,

My name Neil Walkington from the Three Blue Ducks, based on the Farm, Ewingsdale.

I am writing regarding the Farm's Planning Proposal which we obviously support wholeheartedly.

We have been an integral part of The Farm for many years now, working alongside them and sharing the same beliefs and ideals around the way land should be farmed, produce grown and also the importance of community.

All aspects of the Farm and its operations are aligned with us as a business and we honestly feel that there is great value in continuing all the good work that they do as far as education, supporting local businesses and what they provide for both locals and visiting people alike. With the educational benefits, the messaging around the practices used and how this should be more common use is of great value in general terms and is one that should be encouraged we believe.

The way that the Farm supports local businesses, which in turn employ 100's of people should not be underestimated and there is a genuine love for what they stand for in the local community and wider reach. Many people across all the businesses connected to the Farm have worked tirelessly to build the reputation that it has now, and this plays a key part in continuing to draw visitors from all over Australia to the region. The reach is far and wide and should be encouraged to continue in that vein.

In short, the ethical positives are too many to mention here but to sum up, but we would support any application to continue to grow or maintain this business. We are very happy to support this Planning Proposal as laid out and cannot stress the importance of its due consideration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for further clarification if needed.

Yours Sincerely,

Neil Walkington  
Group Operations Manager  
Three Blue Ducks

**Attention:**

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Hannah LaBrooy,

I am writing in support of the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My affiliations with the Farm include a stint working in the produce store of the Three Blue Ducks and then as a longstanding patron. I have watched as the Farm and its tenants have worked tirelessly to create and develop the space into a place of education, information, nourishment and fun. I was personally involved in helping to set up the Liberation Larder plot on the Farm land, which is maintained by volunteers, with the produce being harvested and used for meals to feed individuals who are sleeping rough or struggling to feed themselves. I was so overjoyed to see how the Farm employees worked together to help this initiative flourish, and have seen the benefit this gives to locals who are less privileged. Byron needs strong community partners and this is an important aspect of the Farm.

Further to this, I admire the way that the Farm has committed to utilising a holistic land management approach, aiming to educate the general public about regenerative farming and small-scale farming. I love that the Farm is spray and chemical free and that all organic waste is composted and used onsite as fertiliser.

I support the Planning Proposal as it continues to develop these initiatives and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me  
Yours Sincerely,

Hannah LaBrooy

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30th May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Ryan Sharpley from The Purpose People.

I am writing to express my deep support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

Since its conception, I have worked closely with The Farm and have been troubled by the challenges the site has attracted. The Farm at its core is a collection of businesses adding value to our community in many areas – providing much needed stable employment, education outcomes, support towards our community organizations, all in a rural setting. The small-scale farming community is fully supportive of this planning proposal as it is well known what this site does for small farmers and producers.

The current planning proposal is validating and correcting The Bread Social's ability to function on site. It is undeniable what the team at the Bread Social have done in addition to that of the broader Farm community. The team behind the Bread Social are three young local families that, in their own right, have been instrumental in creating a benchmark bakery that is grounded in its good values, purpose and ethics. Put simply; The Bread Social is part of the fabric of the local community.

I am delighted to support this Planning Proposal.

Please call me for further clarification if required.

Yours Sincerely,

Ryan Sharpley

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#);  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 8:16:19 PM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482  
20/05/2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Flavia Assuncao of Growing Roots Permaculture and Living Agroecology.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My business has been supported by The Farm for 4 years and my food and so many people local food, come from The Farm land.

We also use the land to create community and educate people how to grow their own food using a Regenerative approach.

We have been providing "cultural foods" for people from different backgrounds around Byron Shire, regenerating land, creating community programs and activities, connecting and supporting other young people that have small business. The Farm is also an important space to educate and inspire people about Farming, and teach different aspects and skills necessary to grow food.

The farm is also a beautiful and inspiring space to have in the Byron Bay entrance, very different of the energy that a hospital bring., The farm is full of life, good. food and fun things to do.

We are very happy to support this Planning Proposal and we appreciate the opportunity to express our support.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information/ and please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
Flavia Assuncao

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, 21 May 2021 3:44:20 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

To whom it may concern,

My name is Frances Ring

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My husband and I always visit The Farm when we are up in Byron and find ourselves picking up a loaf from the bread social, and wandering around. We love it and it holds a dear place in our hearts. I hope you can see the value and love that lives in this venue and the joys it brings to many.

We are so very happy to support this planning proposal.

Sincerely,

Frances Ring

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter of support  
**Date:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 8:07:25 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Josh Dooley  
**Subject:** Letter of support  
**Date:** 30 May 2021 at 8:05:24 pm AEST  
**To:** Lanie Loughlin

Byron shire council po box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2482

To whom it my concern,

My name is Joshua Dooley of Greens from the farm. Farmer at The Farm Byron Bay.

I am writing to express my support for The farm, The Bread Social, Growers at the Farm and Farm kids

We understand that The Farm intends to submit a Planning Proposal to amend Byron Local environment Plan 2014. This amendment will enable various commercial activities to continue to be undertaken on part of the land, to support the ongoing productive agricultural use of the majority of the site.

The Farm To me is what the shovel means to Dale Kerrigan and to not allow progress to continue is like parking the Datsun in front of a Commodore in front of the Tarana it's just blocking the vibe it's a place that when you enter you can't help but say how's the serenity. It's not just a Farm it's our kingdom. So by keeping things moving forward it's more about the vibe of thing's and things we love. So if we all band together we can make this place as great as Bonnydune one-day.

All humour aside..

My wife and I began our business Greens at the farm, growing produce for the Three Blue Ducks restaurant, produce store, The Bread Social, and Farm kids. We have now been operating on the Farm at Byron Bay for six and a half years.

The loss of trade for any of the above business's would greatly impact our small business and our young family of four.

As a fifth generation Byron bay local it is very special to be able to have such a close working connection with Samuel Solwick part owner of The bread

Social as we both grew up in Byron bay.

The Farm provides a space for local people to gather and enjoy the market gardens, animals, nut forest and Simpson creek regeneration project all at no cost. This kind of space strengthens and brings the community together.

All of the above business's have work very hard to attain the reputation they have for being at the top of their trade within the Byron shire and beyond. Closure or limitations to these business's would be devastating to all involved.

I feel the education aspect of children at the farm is of utmost importance. It is crucial to keep the farm tours, farm kids work shops and visits from local schools happening, as we all know there is nothing more important than the education of our younger generation.

I feel that there is no other business in the Byron shire offering this experience and shutting down

such ventures at the farm would be devastating for the Byron shire and wider community.

The Farm, The Bread Social, Three Blue Ducks, Three Blue Ducks produce store, Growers at the Farm, Farm kids and are all great contributors to our community all donating time effort and money to local events and ventures small or large in the Byron shire.

We Greens at the farm are in full support of The Farm, The Bread Social, Three Blue Ducks, Three Blue Ducks produce store, Growers at the Farm and Farm kids.

Your sincerely

Joshua Dooley Greens from the farm

Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

31/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Georgina Goddard and I am writing to you as one of the directors of Brooklet Springs Farm in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Our business Brooklet Springs Farm has leased land at The Farm for the last few years.

We are a regenerative agricultural startup and The Farm has provided a nurturing environment for us, especially as we navigate towards becoming a commercially sustainable primary production business.

The venue has also allowed our small farm to test our ideas of food production with a proper working kitchen.

Both The Bread Social and Three Blue Ducks regularly purchase our beef, chicken and pork for use in their offering. As part of that process we have the opportunity to work closely with their team to refine our product.

Examples of our refining process have been; balancing the fat content on the pasture-raised pork, testing the dry ageing regime of our grass-fed & finished beef and balancing the meat to bone ratio of our pasture-raised chicken.

Having a working set of kitchens onsite has allowed us to have open and regular conversations with actual career chefs has really been one of the keys to our success as a startup farming business. Normally we wouldn't have been able to access to in the wholesale market.

We are very happy to support this planning proposal so that we can continue to refine our product and become more resilient holistic farmers.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information

Your sincerely,

Georgina Goddard

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Support of The Farm planning proposal  
**Date:** Friday, 28 May 2021 2:50:06 PM

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Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28.05.21

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Georgia Hackett and I am contacting you regarding The Farm's Planning Proposal - to show my unwavering support for it's approval.

I have been a long time visitor of The Farm for many years as I am a resident not far from this area. Over the course of this time I have, like many others, found it difficult not to be inspired and empowered by the incredible job the farm has done in the areas of sustainability, education and the ability to provide such an extraordinary level of community support and involvement to the vast spectrum of people and fellow businesses we have in our community.

The sheer number of people who have been positively impacted by the farm in its current capacity is mind-blowing and greatly contributes to our community's name and reputation across Australia. Just a few weeks ago I took on a position with the 3 Blue Ducks here at the farm in an effort to do my part with continuing on this incredible service to the community.

The positive feedback and support I received about this from those I know all across Australia was astounding, with people sharing their fond memories such as trips to Byron which were purposely lined up with educational farm tours and workshops for both themselves and their children at The Farm, plus those who just love the sense of community by having so many varying but complementing businesses in one place, to create a hub and a meeting place for those from all over. I second all of these things, wholeheartedly believing that the approval of this proposal would bring nothing but good to our community, our name, and our area's environmental impact, and I am so proud to express my support for it.

Please feel free to get in touch if you would like any further information regarding my support on the matter.

With thanks,

Georgia Hackett

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Georgia Hackett  
Retail Manager

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 11:51:55 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

26.5.2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Gail Mensinga & I am a retired health professional and full time carer for my two grandsons aged 10 & 13 years.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My grandsons and I and family members & friends have lived near & visited The Farm many times. In particular we have appreciated and enjoyed the school holiday programs and workshops since 2016 to date and look forward to future updates.

We enjoy the hands on and fun learning and regenerative agriculture practices taught to our grandchildren and fully support any expansion in these programs.

We are very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to do so. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Sent from my iPhone

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 10:55:03 PM

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Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482

25 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Hoang Nguyen of Kidzklub Australia & Farm Kids and I am writing to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

I am a local working for KidzKlub Australia and closely with children's educational experiences at The Farm.

I have had the pleasure of being part of the amazing educational, environmental and cultural learning experiences in our children's workshops and "Mini Farmer" programs. Children learn where food comes from, paddock rotation, pollination, cropping, healthy soil, free range egg production, composting and ethical farming practices, life cycles and seasons. They learn teamwork, resilience and tolerance through play and being encouraged to play outdoors and get their hands dirty. The children are educated about healthy eating and self-care, and we use biodegradable natural materials for craft, cooking and play activities.

In the 25 years span of my personal career, I have never come across an environment more fitting to that at the Farm Byron Bay to establish the connection of our future generation to their natural environment and community. In order to create a beautiful and sustainable future, why not plant the seeds in the hands of those who will create that change.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Warm regards,

Hoang Nguyen

Kidzklub Australia & Farm Kids

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Farm proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 5:07:59 PM

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Byron shire council po box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2482

To whom it my concern,

My name is Lynette Dooley of Greens from the farm Plot holder at The Farm Byron Bay.

I am writing to express my support for The farm, The Bread Social, Farm kids and education at the farm.

We understand that The Farm intends to submit a Planning Proposal to amend Byron Local environment Plan 2014. This amendment will enable various commercial activities to continue to be undertaken on part of the land, to support the ongoing productive agricultural use of the majority of the site.

My Husband Josh Dooley and I began our business Greens at the farm, growing produce for the Three Blue Ducks restaurant, produce store, The Bread Social, and working closely with Farm kids and all other educational farm tour being held at the farm. We have now been operating on the Farm at Byron Bay for six and a half years.

Over the many years operating at the farm we have seen thousands of young faces come through our beautiful market garden and we love nothing more than to pick some of whatever may be in season and watch the delight on their faces as they try things they would not normally eat at home and would never had the chance to eat at that level of freshness. The look on these beautiful young faces is just the most amazing thing and a reason for us to continue our passion for farming.

The loss of trade for any of the above business's would greatly impact our small business and our young family of four.

All of the above business's have work very hard to attain the reputation they have for being at the top of their trade within the Byron shire and beyond. Closure or limitations to these business's would be devastating to all involved.

I feel the education aspect of children at the farm is of utmost importance. It is crucial to keep the farm tours, farm kids work shops and visits from local schools happening, as we all know there is nothing more important than the education of our younger generation.

I feel that there is no other business in the Byron shire offering this experience and shutting down such ventures at the farm would be devastating for the Byron shire and wider community.

The Farm and The Bread Social are all great contributors to our community all donating time effort and money to local events and ventures small or large in the

Byron shire.

We Greens at the farm are in full support of The bread social and the farm. Grow Feed Educate....

Your sincerely

Lynette Dooley Greens from the farm

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm planning proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 4:30:07 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Julia Stockhausen.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I work for Three Blue Ducks and I visit the Farm on a daily basis to get some of my daily goods, morning coffee and to meet with collegs and friends. I also take my family there on occasions or visits.

I believe the Farm is an important project and business for this area.

It provides jobs and opportunities via each business, education for young and old about farming and sustainability and is a beloved tourist destination.

I am happy to support the proposal in full and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Julia Stockhausen,

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Zoning at 'The Farm'  
**Date:** Sunday, 23 May 2021 8:28:31 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

23/5/21

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Jack Matthews of Seed & Soil

I am writing to you to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked at the farm for the last year now alongside two small businesses which are in collaboration 'Growing roots permaculture' & Hungry earth Agroecology'. At the farm we have been promoting some of the best regenerative agriculture practices in not only the region but the whole nation. It is such a special space that is continuing to evolve and grow. I am in support of the planning Proposal as the grounds are functioning very well and the community engagement is critical to spreading the word for projects such as the one I'm involved in.

I believe education is the best tool we can use to empower the people to help steward this planet back into abundant health. The more education we have the better.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and please don't hesitate to contact me.

With gratitude,

Jack Matthews

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Wednesday 26 May

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Jane Bui and I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I love The Farm for many reasons, including their aim to educate others on regenerative farming and feel this is a great benefit to our local community.

I also frequent Bread Social multiple times a week and love not only the products they have to offer but how it brings my friends and family closer when we visit the farm and enjoy their goods together.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on .

Kind regards,  
Jane Bui

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.  
**Date:** Friday, 28 May 2021 2:51:30 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Jeff Bennett of Three Blue Ducks and I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I am the owner of the restaurant at The Farm and I have watched it grow, and be embraced and celebrated by locals and visitors alike. It has been my privilege to part of this project from a year before it first opened, and to watch as it spread a good message through an awakening society.

The Farm has always promoted good and worthy causes – food ethics, supporting local farmers and food producers, small scale artisan production, regenerative agriculture, and sustainability. We have led the way in many of these things in this country, along with many other businesses in this area, to help Byron continue to be at the forefront of pushing a green and sustainable agenda, and to attract the right tourists, and the right attention, as much as possible

The planning proposal is critically important to the continued success of The Farm. The small ecosystem of businesses here, that all support each other to create a semi-closed loop system from growing, cooking & baking, eating, composting, fertilising, and back to growing, is delicate and fragile like any ecosystem – if we take one stage of the food cycle out it could have detrimental effects on the entire system.

We need each other, and we need the education component, as that's the key to really benefiting long term from all the hard work that we do here every day. We're not here for short wins, we're here for the long haul, to keep pushing the good message, to keep introducing people to farming, to educating people on where they're food really comes from and to help parents teach their kids about food, animal welfare and the need to act locally.

There's also the economic impact that The Farm has on the local community. It has been an incredibly satisfying part of the last six years to see the number of small local businesses that we have been able to help develop into larger businesses, to allow them to employ extra staff, and to help keep out their large national competition, that without large clients like us would swallow them up in no time. We have also donated to so many local organisations, schools and charities and worked very closely with Liberation Larder and The Shift Project to not only give money, but also help them develop services and give extra support to the people in need that they look after.

I am fully behind this planning proposal and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my support with you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information or clarification.

Yours Sincerely,  
Jeff Bennett

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 1:14:22 PM  
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Dear Byron Shire Council,

My name Is Jess Connor and I am one of the tenants at The Farm Byron Bay. My Business Poppy & Fern is the Florist at the front of the restaurant and we grow our flowers here in an acre plot.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been part of The Farm for almost 3 years and during that time education and flower filed experiences have become a big part of our business and our business community. We have been able to share our knowledge and educate a number of different kinds of people from kids, flower lovers and hobbyists and also qualified florists and flower growers. Some of the topics we teach on are Growing an organic Cut Flower Garden, Sustainable floristry & design skills, simple flower arranging. We also host regular flower field tours, where we discuss what we grow, why seasonal local flowers are so important and how to grow, harvest and design from your backyard.

Please feel free to get in touch with me for more information.

Thank you for your time,  
Jess Connor  
Poppy & Fern - Owner & Creative director



**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, 21 May 2021 10:45:59 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

(Insert date)

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Judy-Joy Ridgway,

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have visited The Farm several times over the last number of years, with family and friends.

We support The Farms Planning proposal.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my concern.

Kindest regards

Sent from my iPad Judy-Joy Ridgway

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 10:32:08 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

26TH June

To whom it may concern,

My name is Kate and I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My children have been supported by The Farm for over 1 year now.

We are very happy to support the proposal in full.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

With thanks,

KATE LENNAN

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**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

24/05/21

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Karen McHardy,

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

We have been living in the Byron Shire for over 10 years now and have delighted in watching the Farm develop and grow over the last few years into what we feel is a local institution. We frequent to The Farm, either for coffee, to dine or to just grab some of the fantastic bread and pastries they make, at least once a week, if not more.

The Farm have been integral in in Giving back to the local community, in the education for young local people from various schools, encouraging them to learn about sustainable farming practices and the farm to table concept. Along with this The Farm have been so generous in their support of various charities.

We strongly support the recent planning proposal submitted by The Farm and see no reason whatsoever that they should not continue with their Workshops for kids, etc, The Bread social ( as one of the most phenomenal providers of bread, etc) and other field days that attract and entertain both locals and tourists.

Please support the Farm in passing this proposal ASAP.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further information.

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Yours Sincerely,

Karen McHardy

Mullumbimby, 2482

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Sunday 23 May 2021

**Letter of Support for The Farm's Planning Proposal**

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Kim Stephen of Light Years Asian Diner.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

The education provided by The Farm to both children and adults would be a terrible loss to the community if the proposal was not approved, as would the loss of Bread Social whom we visit on a regular basis.

With thanks,

Kim Stephen  
Light Years Asian Diner

Byron Bay NSW 2481

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 7:28:08 PM

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Attention: Mark Arnold

Hi Mark,

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. Having visited The Farm several times over the last few years I feel they are an asset to the local community and would like to see that they are able to keep providing the services which they offer.

Kindest regards,

Luka DeCarlo

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 7:33:24 PM

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Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

20 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Lucinda Dowse I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.  
I visit The Farm on every vacation to Byron Bay with my family and friends.  
It is one of the highlights of our trip. We need to support these initiatives as they are of tremendous value for the community.  
I appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Lucinda Dowse

Tamarama NSW 2026

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal letter of support  
**Date:** Friday, 28 May 2021 3:02:16 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Friday 28 May, 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Lindsay Soady and I work as Head of Finance for the Three Blue Ducks restaurant group, based at the Farm in Byron Bay.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been employed by Three Blue Ducks at the Farm for almost two years, and have been taking my family and friends to the Farm ever since we moved to the area in 2015.

The Farm is a crucial part of the local community and the first stop on the tour guide for all visitors to the area. The educational activities that take place there are so valuable: my own children have attended Farm tours with their school and learned so much about where food comes from and ethical farming practices.

The ecosystem of small businesses based at the Farm are all working together to try to make the world a better place and I strongly believe that they should be allowed to continue doing so. The Bread Social are an important part of this ecosystem and together with the Farm do a great job promoting sustainability and supporting local businesses.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support of this Planning Proposal.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information or if you would like to discuss further.

Yours Sincerely,  
Lindsay Soady

Ocean Shores, NSW 2483

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**Lindsay Soady**  
**Head of Finance**  
**Three Blue Ducks | Oma**

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Please note my core office hours are Mon-Fri 9.30am-3pm

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 9:52:56 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

26 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Laura Ellis-Harry.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

As a parent of a young child I have worked closely with and visited the Farm for more than 6 years. In October last year my husband and I hosted our son's class for an educational/farming appreciation morning at the farm.

The farm provides crucial education and helps our young children develop a great understanding and respect for agriculture and farming as well as the stakeholders involved in the process.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and I very much appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information should you wish.

With thanks,  
Laura Ellis-Harry

Sent from my iPhone

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

21 May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lauren Dannenberg, I'm from Newtown, Sydney.

I am writing today to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

In recent years Byron has been a favourite holiday spot for my friends and I. We always love to spend time at the farm, sometimes just for coffee and baked treats and other times we make a day of it. There's something special about this place, the beautiful sunflowers, buzzing bees and an overwhelming sense of being a part of something bigger. I always feel like I've had a hand in helping our planet when I visit and that's something I love to takeaway with me. I should also say taking away fresh bread that I've baked myself was super rewarding, cannot wait to get back for another workshop with the Bread Social. The Farm is my go to place when asked for Bryon recommendations, it's an absolute must visit and truly represents everything that is Bryon.

I'm super happy to support this Planning Proposal.

Kindest Regards,

Lauren Dannenberg,



THE MULLUMBIMBY STEINER SCHOOL

Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is James Goodlet, Head of School at Shearwater Mullumbimby Steiner School. I am writing to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Shearwater community members have visited and worked at The Farm over that last couple of years. Families have been involved in holiday workshops and students have been involved in group visits and work experience. One of our ex-students is setting up his successful free range egg business on the site. I feel that it a worthwhile, sustainable venture, providing a model for ethical employment and hope for young people in our region.

I am very happy to support this planning proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Yours Sincerely,

James Goodlet  
Head of School



27th May 2021

Byron Shire Council  
Email: [council@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@byron.nsw.gov.au)

**Re: Letter of Support - The Farm Planning Proposal**

To whom it may concern,

We are writing in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal which is now on public exhibition until 31st May 2021. The proposal intends to amend the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to approve existing land uses at The Farm.

We believe this proposal is important to support our community with:

**Education**

Approximately 4,000 students from 45 different schools, colleges and universities have attended The Farm receiving information and education relating to sustainable farming and regenerative agriculture. Workshops, sharing skills and knowledge are also taking place. These practices are essential in maintaining and protecting farmland into the future.

**The Bread Social**

The Bread Social has built an unmatched reputation in Byron Bay and the surrounding areas for their excellence in baking and community mindedness. Their organic products always utilise local grower's and ethically sourced ingredients. The Bread social is a community minded business employing approximately 68 local people, supporting disadvantaged youth in entry level positions and giving back to the local community through regular donations of goods.

Yours sincerely

**Louise O'Connell**  
**General Manager**  
**Byron Bay Community Association Incorporated**

## Letter of Support – The Farm, Byron Bay

Attn: Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219  
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Tuesday 26 May, 2021  
Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Nick Hatherly and I am the owner/operator of Newrybar Fruit Farm and a tenant of The Farm.

I am writing to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been supplying fresh local produce to The Three Blue Ducks and The Bread Social at the Farm since its inception in May 2015. I also live locally and visit The Farm as a customer and feel confident expressing my full support.

Why do I support The Farm's Planning Proposal?

### Education & Information

- Promoting the value of positive farming practices - Educational activities at The Farm focus on organic regenerative farming, holistic animal management, paddock to plate philosophy and their relationship to health, wellbeing and community.

### Wholesale Bakery/The Bread Social

- Use organic, local and Australian produce to create Artisan sourdough, breads and baked goods.
- Gives preference to local suppliers and contractors.
- Offer employment opportunities to local youth and help them develop a strong work ethic through positive mentors and role models.

### The Farm

- Showcases local produce.
- Supports outstanding food and beverage operators.
- Markets themselves as a NSW Far North Coast tourism destination.
- Employs over 100 staff across multiple businesses onsite.
- Approaches land management with the intention to educate the wider public about regenerative farming and small scale farm diversification.
- The Farm is spray and chemical free.
- The Farm preserves publicly accessible green space at the gateway to Byron Bay.
- Provides land & equipment to its in-house growers with an opportunity to sell their produce directly to the Farm businesses.

The Farm's philosophy Grow, Feed, Educate and Give Back gives the visitor a sense of what goes on beyond the beaches of Byron Bay. I am therefore happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my support. Please feel free to contact me for any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,  
Nick Hatherly  
Newrybar Fruit Farm

MR AND MRS R LORRAWAY  
CARINGBAH  
NSW 2229  
21 MAY 2021

ATTENTION :  
MR M ARNOLD, GENERAL MANAGER  
BYRON SHIRE COUNCIL  
PO BOX 219  
MULLUMBIMBY  
NSW 2482

Dear Mr Arnold,

My husband and I write to express our full and unequivocal support for the FARMS PLANNING PROPOSAL ("PLAN") and welcome any opportunity to ventilate that support either in person or via the media. We hope that Byron Shire Council similarly supports the PLAN; via amendment to the Byron Local Environment Plan 2014, through to a successful and timely implementation of the PLAN.

In particular, we are pleased to note the extensive educative benefits to be extended to some 4,000 students around sustainable, regenerative agriculture and as a natural corollary, around climate change issues. Those benefits, together with the support for disadvantage youth in the community via the Bread Social, point to a bright future for the youth of the future, not to mention the political benefits that will flow to those that support the PLAN.

We also see that the PLAN presents an opportunity for community participation in farming field days and exhibitions and this will culminate in a strengthening of community bonds and the betterment of humanity in general.

Please do not hesitate to contact either my husband or me should further information or assistance be required.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nola and Mr Robert Lorroway



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25/05/21

## Letter of Support

Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Wren McLean, I work for Zero Emissions Byron's (ZEB) 'Replant Byron Alliance' which acts as a collaborative umbrella organization to support all initiatives and stakeholders across Byron Shire to increase, account for and make more comprehensible, the significance of atmospheric carbon removal through native tree planting, vegetation management and regenerative agriculture. Our mission is to gain a big picture overview of what has been and what can be achieved collectively to transition to net-zero emissions whilst increasing biodiversity, water quality and soil stability.

In 2020 ZEB collaborated with The Farm to plant a community forest of 2400 native trees in the riparian zone on the Farm's eastern boundary. This is intended to be an educational demonstration site to showcase best practice and chemical free native revegetation. We are now collaborating with the Farm to undertake soil carbon accounting to as a communication tool to further highlight the sequestration potential of both native revegetation and regenerative agriculture for mitigating climate change.

The Farm approaches it's business and land management holistically and is a tremendous asset for continuing to educate the wider public about sustainable living and land restoration. The Farm is spray & chemical free, it utilises rainwater as a primary water source, all organic waste is composted and used onsite as fertilizer by the Growers and their onsite septic treatment system treats all the liquid waste generated on site.

Zero Emissions Byron appreciates the opportunity to express it's support for The Farm's planning proposal.

Thank-you,

Wren McLean  
RePlant Byron Alliance Coordinator  
Zero Emissions Byron

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Lucy Blanshard. I am from Sydney and travel to Byron Bay multiple times a year and am writing to you to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

With each visit to Byron Bay, my family and I visit the Farm multiple times and always spend hours enjoying The Bread Social bakery and educational tours. The offering here is in my opinion one of the greatest places in the area to bring the family, therefore, I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal.

Kind Regards,

Lucy Blanshard

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

20 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Lydia Blocksidge of Hungry Earth Agro-ecology.

I am writing to express my keen support for the Planning Proposal at The Farm.

I have worked at, lived near, visited, supplied, and been supported by, The Farm for the past 2 years.

I support the planning proposal for education and to keep the Bread Social in our community. The Farm offers a unique opportunity for people from everywhere to come and experience and learn about regenerative farming. Specifically, the education programs at The Farm allow people to delve into regenerative farming practices and how they can get involved and support a more localised, responsible food system. These opportunities need to be available as these are the opportunities that empower people to drive positive action in their communities. The sharing of this education also ensures that farmland is protected into the future.

The Bread Social provides the highest quality artisanal, organic bread and pastries for the community. It provides jobs for local community members and offers an alternative to manufactured "bread". The Bread Social supports and often donates to community events, and provides career pathways for young people. It is a treasured part of The Farm and the Byron Bay community, also supplying local restaurants, cafes and green grocers.

Furthermore, The Farm showcases an alternative-farming model. Encompassing land regeneration, best practice animal husbandry, spray and chemical free produce farming practices, zero food miles in the restaurant, closed loop farming through composting, and a green space retreat for the community and others to enjoy.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for the Planning Proposal.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

Best regards,

Lydia Blocksidge  
May 20, 2021  
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Lydia Blocksidge

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Planning proposal for the Farm  
**Date:** Saturday, 29 May 2021 11:30:06 AM

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Dear mr Arnold/whom this may concern,

My name is Mark Hannell, I am an employee of 'Three Blue Ducks' group on the Farm and have been for over 3 years.

I am emailing to show my support for the planning proposal on the Farm.

The businesses that operate here are known and praised world wide not just for what they produce but also largely for their ethos and business practices.

Byron Bay is so lucky to have business on the Farm actually practicing zero food miles, ethical farming and taking great care for their staff as well as producing amazing products and educating people around this.

This is something that a lot of business talk about but don't actually do, this is a large reason why the Farm and everything attached to it has won the hearts of many people (locally and globally).

There is a large amount of the local community that has been built up around these business, by not only by attracting like minded people to come work for them but also to live around them.

It shouldn't be taken lightly that something so pure and beautiful as caring about the environment and all the issues surrounding that; which all the business care about greatly, are putting all their energy into producing a fun, tasty and educational environment for people to learn and experience how positive change can happen and be applied, even just here in our small area of the world.

Please feel free to contact me further if needs be.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Many thanks,  
Mark Hannell.

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**Mark Hannell**  
**Head chef /// Oma Food & Wine**

**From:**  
**To:** [council:](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** Support for The Farm's Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 3:13:15 PM  
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Dear Rob and Council Members

I am writing in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal to amend the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to approve existing land uses at The Farm, on behalf of WastePlant Pty Ltd, a company located here in Byron Bay.

The Farm's existing activities continue to bring enormous benefits to the local community, and very much align with a number of key focus areas of WastePlant, including:

- Fostering community, through providing public spaces and facilitating events, particularly given what has happened over the past 15 months
- Promoting much needed education through school and privately by providing hands-on experiences
- Further supporting those in need in the community by giving back through social enterprise initiatives

We are fully in support of the council introducing a new local clause into the Byron LEP 2014 to support these existing activities.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please reach out to me at any time.

Kind regards

**Michael Lynch**

Director/Co-CEO



WastePlant

Byron Bay NSW 2481

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**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

(INSERT DATE)

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Melinda Stone of Stonegrip Pty Ltd

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.  
Our family my & business have been supported by, The Farm for the last 3 years

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification

Kind regards,  
Melinda Stone

Sent from my iPhone so please excuse the typos

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Saturday, 29 May 2021 6:34:33 AM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

29 MAY 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Matthew Willis.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been a weekly volunteer and eager student of Growing Roots Permaculture and Hungry Earth Ecology at their food forest plots at 'The Farm' since January 2021 (5 months)

I very strongly support this Planning Proposal in full. The Regenerative Agroforestry plots and other examples of holistic farming inspire and teach me much more than can be captured in words. The permaculture principals and techniques that inform these community scale ecological practices are incredibly important for a resilient and ecological future. The community forming, sharing and connecting that happens at the farm is amazing and incredibly important. I support all the educational events and businesses such as the bakery at the farm, as they facilitate so much engagement and learning for people from all walks of life and provide livelihoods for so many people. For me 'The Farm' is the central nexus of the Byron shire, where ecological healing and cultural reimagining combine with a rebuilding of local and decentralised food security to radiate out across the northern rivers. In a time of dangerous climate change, biodiversity loss, habitat destruction and growing global financial and resource instability, these learnings will be needed now more than ever.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification.

With thanks,

Matthew Krystian Willis,

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2480 NSW

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Kind regards,

**Matthew Willis**

M: 0421 478 430

E: [mattwillis888@gmail.com](mailto:mattwillis888@gmail.com)

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, 21 May 2021 5:02:04 PM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

21/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Madelene, a member of the community.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My family and I have visited The Farm for many years now and have loved everything The Farm has to offer the community. It has been a joy to watch The Farm grow, and has been an important place for education, connection and adventure for my children.

We are very happy to support this Planning Proposal.

With heart,  
Madelene Moore

**From:**

[council](#)

**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal

**Date:** Saturday, 29 May 2021 10:14:17 AM

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Dear Mr Mark Anold,

The following is a letter in complete support of the Farms Planning Proposal.

My name is Monica Kdoep and I am an employee of The Bread Social. Nearly two years ago they gave me a sponsorship which allowed me to stay in Australia and move to beautiful Byron Bay. And recently they helped me obtain a new visa extending my stay for another two years. This means I can improve on my skills, stay in Byron and improve my relationship with this beautiful country. But it also means so much more.

During this time I became a member of the family at the Bread Social and also the Farm. I've seen how they all support one another, how all the business's work together as a whole, creating a community and a place for our community to meet, learn, educate, enjoy and be happy. The people they employ, the things they give back, the love that goes into it is something I've never seen before.

I've read the Planning Proposal and can see no issues with it moving forward. I'm sure the whole community would agree.

Thank you for your time

Monica Kdoep

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the Farms Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Saturday, 29 May 2021 8:47:02 AM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

29/05/2021

Dear Mr. Arnold,

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

We moved to Coorabell 3 years ago and I have been working at the Three Blue Ducks, the restaurant at The Farm ever since. Me and my family spend a lot of time, even outside of work at this wonderful community.

I myself work very closely with The Bread Social Bakery and all the farmers at The Farm.

The Bread Social's philosophy to use organic, local and Australian produce to produce their magnificent goods is unparalleled in the Northern Rivers. They employ nearly 70 staff, donate to the Liberation Larder to feed the homeless (which there are more and more these days as there's no affordable housing in the area) and support countless local charities, schools and programs.

The support and community at The Farm is something very unique to this area. We talk to every diner at The Three Blue Ducks about the local spray and chemical-free produce, the sustainability program and the holistic animal management. Guests from all over the world are in awe of this distinctive and remarkable community of growers, producers and teachers. The educational programs The Farm teach sustainable food production, paddock to plate principals and ethical farming to children, adults and students from all over the country.

Me and my family are very happy to support this Planning Proposal. Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification.

Niels Bienas + Christopher Potter

Coorabell

2479

NSW

**From:**

[council](#)

**Subject:** New Farm Planning Proposal

**Date:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 7:27:01 PM

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Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30/05/21

To whom it may concern,

My name is Niall O'Hare of the Three Blue Ducks, Byron Bay

I am writing to express my support for 'the Farm's' new planning proposal. I personally have been employed by the Farm/ Three blue ducks for almost 7 years now, working closely with the onsite farmers, the bread social bakery and the complex itself. My role being as Sous chef with the company to date.

As a Chef for 15 years I must stress the value this company brings to the local hospitality community in Byron. Quite simply put, the paddock to plate ethos we incorporate into our daily cooking schedule is of a standard that I have never experienced before and have never felt so proud to be a part of. Working in connection with our next door bakers and in continual aid of supporting local children's education, receiving work experience students from the surrounding area and employing our own byron bay homegrown apprentices it really has become the normality for us as a team to be a healthy part of the process in giving back to our community. From my knowledge of the area, living in byron myself I can honestly say I know of no other company that brings so much more than just a catering service to the surrounding area, but rather supports the tender ideals of sustainability, organic farming and eating, which are very much in line with byron bay itself.

Therefore I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full  
Please Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification if needed

Best regards

Niall O'Hare

Byron Bay  
2481



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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

20th May,2021

/Dear Sir,

My name is Nita Lavigne.

My large family and I live in Sydney but are frequent visitors to Byron and a visit to the Farm is a daily occurrence for coffee, pastries and bread first thing in the morning and very often a return visit for brunch/lunch.If it's school holidays the grandchildren are booked in the course available.So as you can see,we are in support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.The Farm is a wonderful addition to the whole community.  
Best wishes,Nita Lavigne

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, 28 May 2021 8:45:03 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28/05/2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Noah Moon and I'm part of the team at Subpod, another locally founded Byron business supporting a sustainable future for both Australia and the planet.

I'm writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. The Farm is an invaluable foundation of the Byron Bay community and a thriving tourist attraction that is so greatly needed during the economically uncertain times.

My company has worked closely with The Farm over the last two years, as they've provided hosting venues for many of our workshops and displayed our compost systems on their property.

I support the planning proposal not only because educating people on regenerative farming and holistic animal management is crucial for a more sustainable future, but also because the dedicated team of over 68 local staff provide our community with delightful organic food that enriches our daily lives.

Over 3,500 children have attended workshops at The Farm since it opened in 2014, and learned where food comes from – something that's becoming more important as obesity levels in children rise, and we become more disconnected from our food sources.

I am very happy to support the proposal in full and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

**Noah Moon**



EMAIL

WEB [www.subpod.com](http://www.subpod.com)

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Friday, 21 May 2021 6:42:07 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council contributed

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

Dear Mr Arnold

Please support the Farms. Educational planning proposal, to date the farm has been nothing but an inspiration and aspiration too many people and has unlike so many other business in the shire has contributed positively to the local community spirit /ethos.

I frequently take my grandchildren to the farm just for a walk and to see the animals just like I used to take my own children to Crystal Castle before they charged 60 dollars to even enter their shop, along with the many stories of ripping of their staff.

Where as The Farms generosity of spirit is not seen much in this shire , even if you have no dollars you can visit and if you have a few you can meet friends buy from the bakery and spend the morning with the kids.

I would love to see them develop the educational side of baking the best bread in Nsw and farming . I fully support the proposal .

Regards Noelle Maxwell 40 yrs a resident.

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 6:23:36 PM

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To:  
**Mark Arnold, General Manager**

Byron Shire Council  
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Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

20 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

I'm writing in support of the planning application from The Farm at Byron Bay to amend the LEP 2014 to approve current land uses and activities at The Farm. We visited with our three children and absolutely loved it. Not only do I hope they will continue to operate with all their different programs, benefitting the people and the earth, but I wish there were more places like them. With growing awareness of environmental issues but still lacking public knowledge, we as Australians are truly lucky to have places like The Farm. Byron Bay as a whole is an extraordinary place and organisations like The Farm should serve as a model for other communities to adopt.

We are currently living in the UK but go back to Australia every chance we get.

Please feel free to contact me should you need any further details or to discuss the planning application.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

Ola Holmstrom  
UK Mobile:

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**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** the farm planning proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 12:45:12 PM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Oliver from a company called Oliver's Hens, Mullumbimby.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have always been impressed with The Farm as they've always been so supportive to the community and helping educate young people in sustainable farming practices.

Since I started my own business as an egg farmer at The Shearwater School about 4 years ago, The Farm has always been there to educate me and give me advice both on farming, organic feeding, sustainability and even business structures. Quiet honestly, I don't think I would be where I am today without the guidance and support they showed

As I will be moving my business to The Farm in the next few months, I am keen to be part of the team who helped me so much. I believe strongly in what The Farm does as far as teaching young people where real food is produced and the process to get great food to their plates.

I look forward to passing what I have learnt and educating young people and hopefully future young farmers like myself.

KInd Regards

Oliver Bora

Oliver's Hens

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

May 26th, 2021

Dear Mr. Arnold,

My name is Paola Zlatar, my business name is Baylato and we are part of The Farm community of businesses. I have been a tenant at The Farm for more than 2 years. The main reason why I wanted to be part of it, is because I strongly believe in their practices and philosophy.

I am writing to you regarding The Farm's Planning Proposal, and why we support it:

The Farm has been educating people for many years now. Their education program teaches about sustainability, healthy eating, alternative animal management, and regenerative farming among many other topics. For the last 6 years, approximately 4000 students, plus tourists and the local community have learned through their tours and workshops. We believe that this type of education is extremely important these days, not only for the local residents but also for any tourist visiting Byron Bay, as the world needs to head in this direction in so many ways.

In addition, The Bread Social bakery has a great philosophy to use organic ingredients in its products. They use local and Australian produce, where almost 70% of their products are made with Farm produce, which is a great example of sustainability and support to the local businesses. They also offer workshops to the community, where they can learn how to bake bread and make pastry. Their reputation has been outstanding among the community for many years now.

On the other hand, The Farm is one of the only big public green spaces in Byron bay with easy access, where families and friends can enjoy nature and learn about a healthy way of living at the same time. Before I became part of it, I used to visit it with my daughter and always be amazed by their great concept and community of local businesses working together. I am very proud to be one of them now.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to express our support.

Please feel free to get in touch with me for any more information.

Kind regards,

Paola Zlatar  
BAYLATO  
m:

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**BAYLATO**  
11 Ewingsdale Rd ("THE FARM"), Byron Bay  
NSW, Australia, 2481



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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
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Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Penny Clifford of Bexhill & Eureka Public School.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked closely with The Farm on events and find the venue to be a positive addition to our community.

Over 3500 children have attended workshops since The Farm opened in 2014 and as a school employee, I think this should be able to be continued for the learning of our kids.

I am very happy to support this Planning and appreciate the opportunity to express my support in this letter.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

Best wishes.

Penny Clifford

Penny Clifford  
School Administration Officer  
Eureka Public School

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Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

(Insert date)

(Select 1 of the following and delete the others) Dear Mr Arnold/Dear Sir/ To whom it may concern,

My name is (Your name) of (Your business/Organisation name if applicable)

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. (or put this in your own words)

(Select 1 from the following and delete the others) I/we/ our/my business/organisation/community have (Select 1 from the following and delete the others) worked closely with/lived near/visited/ supplied to/ been employed by/ been supported by, The Farm for (Insert time period)

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Regards,  
Penny Stanley  
Sent from my iPhone

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

27/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Loris

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been employed by The Bread Social at Farm for 2 years.

It is really important to me this place because firstly allows me and my wife to stay in the country since I'm working for The Bread Social, according with my visa I have to work in regional areas and Byron is probably one of the best regionals.

Secondly I personally think that is such a great place to work in, trust me when I say that being a baker is tough but waking up at 1.30 in the morning knowing that you'll assist to one of those stunning sunrises is priceless. Totally worth it.

And last but not list, The farm is an amazing place to come with your family, have a good meal knowing that most of the ingredients are from the fields next to the restaurant and take a walk and pet animals. Kids love it.

In this letter I also include my wife, Giada

We moved from Italy to Byron hoping that our life would have been easier and more relaxed.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification.

Kind regards

Loris Peri

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Sunday 23 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

**Letter of Support for The Farm's Planning Proposal**

I am writing to express my full support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

My name is Peta van de Velde, I live and work in the beautiful town of Byron Bay. Since The Farm's take over in November last year I've watched the new owners work hard to amend their ties with the community. To cut them off from The Farm as a place of work would hinder all the hard yards they've put in so far.

Whatsmore they've bolstered their education offering and continue to work on communicating the type of farming practices that will protect Byron's beautiful backyard for years to come. Finally, The Bread Social would not only be a loss to consumers but to the wider hospitality industry who lean on this bakehouse for all their baked goods.

If you wish to speak with me I'd be happy to put up my hand to discuss why the proposal should indeed be approved.

With thanks,

Peta van de Velde

Byron Bay NSW 2481

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm at Byron bay  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 1:49:48 PM

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I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal.  
I believe that the Farm provides a valuable service to the Byron Bay community.  
How marvellous to have so many rural and artisan activities in one place. To be able to support the Bread Social by buying their beautiful bread which in turn enables them to continue with the education of entry level staff and disadvantaged youth, enabling all of us to contribute in a small way to the betterment of Byron Bay. Their education programmes and charitable donations are surely a bonus to the area and I believe that to lose the Bread Social would be nothing short of ridiculous!

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**Animal Welfare League NSW**  
**North Coast Branch**

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

31.05.2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is [Ruth Grayson, President](#) of the North Coast Branch, Animal Welfare League NSW.

I am writing to express our support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Our North Coast Branch of the Animal Welfare League has been supported by The Farm for the past few years, primarily through their 'Community collect' bucket shake opportunity to fundraise.

[We support their proposal on the grounds that The Farm will increase their community educational programme, through educational activities and workshops, for students and for community groups.](#)

[We](#) are very happy to support this Planning Proposal, and appreciate the opportunity to express our support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if further clarification is required.

Yours Sincerely,

[Ruth Grayson](#)  
[President, AWL NSW North Coast Branch](#)

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 8:06:46 AM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Goodmorning Mark,

We are writing to you to show our support for the planning proposal of the Farm in Byron Bay. We have only lived in the area for a handful of years and are very happy here because of all of its diversity.

The Farm is one of the areas that we love to visit, our children have loved it over the years and we know it is a great location for the shire of Byron and an attraction. We don't know all the ins and outs of why the Farm has its issues but I hope that you and the council can see the great potential it offers and we hope it can keep what it has and hope it can even get better.

Thanks for your time Mark

Pat and Lara Rafter.

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Planning proposal for the Farm  
**Date:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 11:35:59 AM

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Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Rebecca Baker and I'm an employee of the Three Blue Ducks group and have been for five months now.

I am emailing to express my support for the planning proposal on the Farm.

The Farm provides a space for businesses that have great ethos and business practices. These businesses practice zero food miles and ethical farming, which is great to see and celebrated within the community.

They also stand as an educational resource and have been a space for the community to come together and grow. The workshops available to the community are vital in maintaining and protecting farmland in the future.

The Farm has provided a space that is environmentally focused, educational and produces ethically sourced food and this is something that shouldn't be taken lightly.

Please feel free to contact me further if need be.

Thank you for your time.

Rebecca Baker.

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Kindest regards,

Rebecca Baker  
Restaurant Manager

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NSW 2482

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I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. (or put this in your own words)

(Select 1 from the following and delete the others) I/we/ our/my business/organisation/community have (Select 1 from the following and delete the others) worked closely with/lived near/visited/ supplied to/ been employed by/ been supported by, The Farm for (Insert time period)

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Cheers

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**Date:** Monday, 31 May 2021 6:51:23 AM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

31 May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Rudy Schmidt from Three blue ducks Byron Bay.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal

I have worked at the three blue ducks for four years, which has been a great experience and educational period for me. The collective organisation that is the Farm has always been an amazing place to work and for people to visit. It is great that visitor can experience and learn where our food comes from and see how the bread has been made on site. This unique experience has impacted our visitor's choices they make in the future about what they eat and to support local. It is so valuable for children to see first hand what the process is and how things have been made. Supporting workshops and activities has supplied the farm with additional educational programs which are great for the whole community. The three blue ducks and the bread social has also added immense value to the community by being involved in many local business and by employing many people within the area.

I support this planning proposal in full.

Kind regards,  
Rudy Schmidt  
Bangalow

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Sam Johns

I am writing in support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been employed by the Farm for 4 years. My jobs have included, nursery assistant, restaurant supervisor and most recently being employed as a 'driver' for the Bread Social.

I moved to Byron Bay in 2017 and found employment with the 3 Blue Ducks - The Farm, as a waiter. Being employed on a casual basis I only planned on staying for 6 months. After obtaining fulltime work I was able to set myself up a new life here in Byron Bay and now loving my new hobbies and the great friendships I have formed through working here. I am now able to pursue my long-term goal of buying my own local plot of land where I can utilise all the natural farming knowledge I have gained from working here. The Farm has enabled me to set myself up for a bright future, which is why I am in total support for the Farms planning proposal.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification.

Yours Sincerely,

Sam Johns  
Brunswick Heads

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Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482

31 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Sara Hayes and I am the General Manager of Kidzklub Australia & Farm Kids and I am writing to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Since 2014 we have provided educational experiences for children of all ages including school holiday workshops, sessions for homeschool groups, school visits and more.

These programs are such an integral part of The Farms vision and coming from a rural background myself, I understand the importance of kids knowing where their food and other products come from, and just having the opportunity to get up close and personal with animals that they may otherwise never have.

Children learn where food comes from, paddock rotation, pollination, cropping, healthy soil, free range egg production, composting and ethical farming practices, lifecycles and seasons. They learn teamwork, resilience and tolerance through play and being encouraged to play outdoors and get their hands dirty. The children are educated about healthy eating and self-care, and we use biodegradable natural materials for craft, cooking and play activities. Over 3,500 children aged 4-15 years have attended workshops since The Farm opened in 2014. This is in addition to the approximately 4,000 individual students from 45 different high schools, colleges and universities who have attended Farm Tours receiving education and information.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

Kind regards,

Sara Hayes  
General Manager  
**Kidzklub Australia**



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**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 20 May 2021 9:53:20 PM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

20th of May, 2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Sarah Keeley, Toowoomba resident and owner of Conscious Calendar Co.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have visited The Farm over the years with my family and for my business. Each time we are in awe of the community strength and knowledge it provides not just myself but also our children.

I support this proposal as it's relevant to educating our children and community, something we all require more knowledge of.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal

Please feel free to get in touch for more information/Please don't hesitate to contact me/Please call me for further clarification.

Kind regards,  
Sarah Keeley

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Simon Ivanac

I am writing in support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked and lived in the Byron Bay area for 20 years and have watched the development of The Farm with enthusiasm. I have visited The Farm on many occasions and have enjoyed the wonderful facility with family and friends.

I am presently employed at Bread Social located on site at The Farm. I support the planning proposal for its continuation as an educational facility for both its Farming Education and Baking Teaching Programs.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Yours Sincerely

Simon Ivanac

Brunswick Heads NSW 2483

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

21st May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Steven Scott of Tenterfield Creek Organics where we grow organic garlic as well as other organic produce. We are passionate about the education of good farming practices that will take us into a future of sustainable and environmentally friendly farming.

I wish to express my complete support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

We have been to The Farm many times on our visits to Byron Bay and find it a most enjoyable and inspiring place to visit and take our grandchildren to. There is so much to do. They absolutely love everything about the place and to top it all off the bakery an added treat. But most of all it is also an educational experience.

Educating and training the younger generation on good farming practices, such as regenerative farming, holistic animal management, the food to plate philosophy, and healthy eating is a much needed long term investment for the future of farming, our communities and environment.

There are so many reasons to support The Farm's planning proposal in full. The fact that they use rain water, all their organic waste is composted and used onsite as fertiliser, the footprint development is less than five acres of The Farms total 86 acres, it is spray and chemical free, there is zero food transport miles for the restaurant and bakery and the list goes on.

If you require any further information please feel free to get in touch with me.

Kind regards,

Steven Scott  
Tenterfield Creek Organics

Tenterfield 2372

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30/05/2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sam Morton, I have been employed at the Three Blue Ducks at the farm for since opening day.

I am writing to express my support for the Three blue ducks and the other business at the Farm. I have been involved in the business for six years. Being Head Chef for the last five years I have delt with and been involved closely with the Bread Social, Greens from the farm, Hungary earth, Roots n All, Worm Ticklers, Poppy and fern, Baylato and the many others that have been onsite over the years. All of the business have been involved in the Grow Feed Educate, paddock to plate and use it all ethos.

I have lived in the area for over 20 years and I am excited about what is happening on this piece of land and see it as a benchmark for the operation of the future of business.

Over the six years I have been involved and witnessed the training and educating of school groups, trade apprentices and travellers that have come to be involved in the message that the Farm and collective business are working towards.

My family and I, Fiancé and two year old are excited to continue to support the planning proposal as this also enables us to stay in the area and be involved in the "farmliy".

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further queries or questions.

Kind Regards,

Sam Morton

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Paul Giddings

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I am one of the owners of The Bread Social and have been involved with The Farm from the beginning.

On a personal note, The Farm has obviously played a huge role in my life for the last 6-7 years. Having been a regular visitor to the area, The Farm presented me with a great opportunity to use my skillset to create a business in an area I was hoping to call home. We were hoping to create a bakery with a community minded focus and I like to think we have accomplished that through employment ethics, charitable donations and continued community interaction. Being able to undertake this project at The Farm was of huge benefit in being able to achieve our goals. It's also a great platform to be able to provide an educational aspect to our business which we are proud of.

(IN YOUR OWN WORDS SAY WHAT YOU SUPPORT ABOUT THE PLANNING PROPOSAL AND WHY – FOR ASSISTANCE REFER TO 'WHY SUPPORT THE FARMS PLANNING PROPOSAL?') This may be your employment with the bakery and how it facilitated a move to the area. Ability to stay in the country with loved ones. Support you've had through working here. Admiration for the farm as a whole and what it's added to the community

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal.

Please don't hesitate to contact me

Kind regards,

**Paul Giddings**  
**Goonengerry**

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**Date:** Friday, 21 May 2021 11:18:38 AM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

Dear Mr Arnold,

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked closely with them on a number of occasions to support the learning we provide at Byron Bay High School. Their education program is valuable and we would be negatively impacted by its loss should the planning amendment not be accepted.

Yours Sincerely,

Stuart Galletly-Salisbury  
HT HSIE Byron Bay High School

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council

PO Box 219,

Mullumbimby

NSW 2482

25/5/2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Tanya Bilaniwskyj and I am an employee of Kidz Club and Farm Kids.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

Kidz Club has worked closely with and supplied children's educational experiences at The Farm since its inception in 2014.

Over the past 2 years I have been lucky to share amazing educational, environmental and cultural learning experiences in The Farms children's workshops and "Mini Farmer" programs. Children learn where food comes from, paddock rotation, pollination, cropping, healthy soil, free range egg production, composting and ethical farming practices, lifecycles and seasons. They learn teamwork, resilience and tolerance through play and being encouraged to play outdoors and get their hands dirty. The children are educated about healthy eating and self-care, and we use biodegradable natural materials for craft, cooking and play activities. Over 3,500 children aged 4-15 years have attended workshops since The Farm opened in 2014. This is in addition to the approximately 4,000 individual students from 45 different high schools, colleges and universities who have attended Farm Tours receiving education and information.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,  
Tanya Bilaniwskyj.

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

24<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Dear Mr Arnold

We are writing to support The Farm's Planning Proposal. As long term residents of Byron Shire, as farmers and as a family that value adds to our farms produce we understand the importance of maintaining the balance of agricultural land, looking after the environment, looking after our neighbours, creating jobs and generating employment in our region

We have worked closely with the past and present owners of the Farm, the farmers there, Three blue Ducks and Bread Social since The Farm was first established.

They have contributed and willingly shared their skills and knowledge with the food industry from the paddock to the plate in our region and made a difference to helping establish the provenance of Byron Shire as a leading food and agriculture region in Australia

We commend to Council that the proposal deals only with existing uses. It does not authorise new development. There are three very crucial areas that we support in the Farm's planning proposal .

#### Education

The farm provides education for schools, community groups, farmers and would be farmers in our region. It also provides consumer education workshops in vegetable growing, bread making, making healthy food choices for the family

#### The Bread Social

The Bread Social is one of Australia's leading artisan bakeries, it was founded on The Farm and uses produce grown on the farm. It is run by locals for locals. The Bread Social team employ locally, they provide essential traineeships and work with many youth groups in our region creating jobs so our youth does not have to leave the area to get world class training. Bread Social supports community food programs and has created access to sustainable healthy food for our community.

#### Community Commitment

The Farm has worked positively with the community of Byron Shire for a long time. Their Farm's long standing Community partners include Liberation Larder, Byron Community Centre, Northern Rivers Food, Northern Rivers Community Foundation, Brunswick Valley Landcare, Zero Emissions Byron to name a few.

The farm is truly committed to sustainable agriculture in our region and to sharing the story with our community.

We commend their proposal to you

Yours Sincerely

Pam & Martin Brook

McLeods Shoot

NSW

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Attention: Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219, Mullumbimby NSW 2482

26 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Trudi Fitzgerald of Kidzklub Australia & Farm Kids and I am writing to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

My business has worked closely with and supplied children's educational experiences including workshops, "Mini Farmers" full-day programs and private tours at The Farm since its inception in 2014.

Over the past 7 years, we have directly shared amazing educational, environmental and cultural learning experiences in our children's workshops and "Mini Farmer" programs. Children learn where food comes from, paddock rotation, pollination, cropping, healthy soil, free range egg production, composting and ethical farming practices, lifecycles and seasons. They learn teamwork, resilience and tolerance through play and being encouraged to play outdoors and get their hands dirty. The children are educated about healthy eating and self-care, and we use biodegradable natural materials for craft, cooking and play activities. Over 3,500 children aged 4-15 years have attended workshops since The Farm opened in 2014. This is in addition to the approximately 4,000 individual students from 45 different high schools, colleges and universities who have attended Farm Tours receiving education and information.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

Kind regards,

Trudi Fitzgerald  
Kidzklub Australia & Farm Kids



**HELEN HAMILTON**  
**Ewingsdale NSW 2481**

**Attention :**

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219 Mullumbimby NSW 2481

27 May 2021

Dear Mark  
Re : The Farm's Planning Proposal

I am proud to have been a Community Partner with The Farm & The Bread Social since The Farm opened in 2014. My connection occurred initially in my capacity as President Liberation Larder & more recently President of Byron Community Centre. I appreciate this opportunity to express my support for the The Farm's Planning Proposal .

I have directly witnessed the benefits from the Educational Activities at The Farm. As President Liberation Larder I was instrumental in establishing the Community Vegetable Garden at The Farm & was hands on for many years. During that time I witnessed many of the 4000 students from schools, colleges & universities who visited The Farm & many of the 3500 children who attended holiday workshops & spent time in the vegetable garden.

I have also directly witnessed the generous support from the Bread Social for people in need in our community. Specifically, I witnessed the end of day produce donations to Liberation Larder over many years. This wholesome food provided a significant contribution to the food resources available for our locals.

I would be pleased to provide more information if needed.

Kind Regards  
Helen Hamilton  
President Byron Community Association  
Byron Citizen of the Year 2020

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 12:52:34 PM

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Attn: Mark Arnold, General Manager

Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

26 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

My family have frequently visited and supported The Farm for the last 2 years, in particular their educational programs.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to show my support.

Yours Sincerely,

Jordan Duckworth

To whom it may concern.

Hi there my name is Mark and I am currently employed at the farm with Three Blue Ducks and have working for them since 'The Farm' opened in 2015.

This is an email of support, strongly supporting this new proposal that 'the farm' is proposing.

Having grown up in the area there was not much in the sense of venues like the farm and I know that it is great for the area.

I believe that 'the farm' as a business that also has other businesses on the premises is such a great asset to the Byron Shire as it brings not only locals but a lot of day visitors to the area, The education programs that give our younger generation an insight into how a 'working' farm operates is integral to growing and expanding the Byron Shire.

Having my late father work for the Byron council for over 20 years has given me a lot of insight into how the council works and how they want to create a better future for everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

If you would like to discuss this any further please don't hesitate to either email me or even give me a call.

Kind regards  
Mark Barnett

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 1:35:06 PM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482  
May 27 2021

My name is Tiffany Wood

I am emailing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal in Byron Bay.

Myself and my 6 children have attended many of the amazing kids school holiday workshops at The Farm over past couple of years ( coming from the Gold Coast specifically for them) and found them an educational, informative and friendly experience for all of my children.

I am happy to support this Planning Proposal and show my full support to continue the programs and any planning proposal associated with them and or The Farm.  
Please don't hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any feedback.

Have a singsational day  
TIFFANY WOOD

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**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Support the Farm's Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 10:44:04 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30 May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Kazuhiro Tsukamoto, a sous chef of Three Blue Ducks Byron Bay. I have been working closely with The Farm for three years and two months.

I am emailing to express my full support for the Farm's Planning Proposal. This beloved collective entity, the Farm should remain a unique and meaningful place for the public as it is.

My four years old daughter loves going to the Farm. She likes to get her hands dirty and find worms in vegetable patches. I tell her about its ecosystem and ethos underneath. She purely does not understand the concept and system; however, she is now worried about vegetable scraps and aware of seasons. She now also knows that vegetables harvested in the patch go to our plates and we truly enjoy them. This is a good start to learn not only for kids but also for adults.

Many friends of mine take their children to the Farm because their children love animals and playing on the field. They enjoy coffee and pastry, exploring the Farm and cracking macadamia nuts in the orchard. I have seen many parents holding their kids, standing by the bakery, looking at bakers making knead dough by hand on a bench. One of my neighbours bought a sourdough starter kit from the bakery and baked Artisan sourdough bread after taking a baking bread class. The Farm contributes our community greatly to having these little but meaningful experiences.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for this Planning Proposal. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,  
Kazuhiro Tsukamoto

, Lennox Head, NSW 2478

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** WE ARE SEEKING YOUR URGENT SUPPORT  
**Date:** Friday, 28 May 2021 2:43:36 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28th of May, 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Zelimir Harasty of Three Blue Ducks Byron

I am writing in support of the Farm and its planning proposal.

I have worked closely with Three Blue Ducks for close to seven years, in that time the owners have become like my family and as tenants on the Farm, the people at the Farm have become by proxy family too. Working with the Ducks is not like working with other companies the main focus is community followed closely by the environment (and of course a killer dining experience), and from first hand experience know that these are not facades put on to please the eyes and ears of the people, we together try and do the best job that we can, if that means our staunch stance on recycling food waste and leaving plastic products behind or helping others when help is required.

Since I have worked at The Farm, not only have I seen the benefit of having the best bakery in the north pumping out delicious goods while looking after those that are struggling to eat (feeding the homeless), the education of families that attend the farm or the school children that come through the venue to not only experience a different way of life, but to give them an understanding that when we buy things to eat, they actually come from somewhere and haven't just magically appeared in a grocer. Who doesn't want to have their children educated about the realities of life, or who doesn't want to have the opportunity to likewise become educated in making bread, tending a healthy garden, yoga or just be able to sit down let the kids explore and enjoy a delicious meal with a glass of wine watching nature all around.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for a collective of businesses, that without, I think would lessen the quality of the northern rivers. Let's not let it come to a town overrun by foreign investors, let's keep in mind the real people, real communities and real food that's on our doorstep.

Don't hesitate to shoot me an email in regards to what I have written.

Best wishes,

Zelimir Harasty

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**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** The Farm Planning Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 2:57:28 PM

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Attention:

Mark Arnold  
General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219  
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

26th May, 2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Kerrie Wexham. I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

We have been visiting Byron Bay for the last 30 years and have recently moved to Myocum. During our visits, we have enjoyed going to The Farm each time, always taking friends and family to experience all the wonders on offer. We have an 8yro daughter who has participated in their school holiday workshops when we have been here on holiday and not only did she learn a lot about bees and the environment, she had a damn good time.

I support the planning proposal as The Farm is a unique experience and can offer more. To have such a wonderful facility that offers quality food, either in the restaurant or suppliers on site, as well as importantly, education to all who wish to get involved, is a fabulous addition to the region. To continue this education for generations to come is of enormous value and an excellent use for the space.

I wholeheartedly support the proposal and would be happy to be contacted for further comment if necessary.

Yours sincerely  
Kerrie Wexham

**From:**  
**To:** [council](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting The Farm  
**Date:** Friday, 28 May 2021 2:38:13 PM

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Friday 28th May 2021,

Dear Mr Arnold,

For upwards of three years I have visited, supported and also been employed by one of the tenants of the small ecosystem of businesses located at The Farm.

Each morning, whether its presurf or post surfing, I visit The Farm to get coffee and food, of course not leaving without some Bread Social Sourdough!

Have you taken a walk down to the Macadamia Orchard?

I have also had the pleasure of working in the coffee section of Three Blue Ducks during this time period. I have made many great friends through locals I have met in the morning collecting their coffees, in fact all my freediving and surfing friends i have met on site there.

Provenance is key for food personally. Zero miles food has travelled, grown chemical free is an important factor in choices I make.

The Farm, and the businesses within, are a magnificent example, a shining light in how we should be consuming in a world driven by corporate greed and capitalism.

My name is William Nolan.

I am writing to express my support for The Farm's planning proposal.

Kindest Regards,

Will Nolan  
Assistant Restaurant Manager



Denise Morden

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal. PLEASE give permission for the Bakery to continue to make the BEST healthy BREAD in the shire.

Annie Peros

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal. This incredible initiative has provided awareness and connection to the sustainability and importance of locally grown and enjoyed food. The practices of The Farm are world class and are educating our younger and older generations in community cultivation and connection. I full support tThe Farm in their operations and vision.

Robyn

I write in support of the farm proposal. It is an amazing venue with quality produce food and education. Don't change it please

David Hooke

I write in support of The Farm's planning proposal. It is an outstanding venue for learning, dining, and all that the Byron area has to offer.

Emily Clark

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal - The Farm is a great local business for the area of Byron Bay. Not only does it support locals through employment and support tourists, it also adds so much through their educational programs. These are invaluable to local families as well as schools in the surrounding areas.

Grant Newby

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Vanessa kenny

My family and I have travelled to visit the farm twice. The Farm provides an accessible rural experience for families and as an educator it also provided me with a great opportunity to discuss with my kids the paddock to plate concept, organic farming, and the importance of farming for the goods they create for us city dwellers! The bakery is an important part of that conversation about grain flour etc and it's wonderful to have great produce for kids and parents to sample too. I think education around growing and cooking wholesome food is an important community service and is critical for children's education - and the farm in all its facets does this! I hope the at our third visit in the next few years is as enjoyable / and we get to see all the great aspects of growing cooking and eating food and how that is the basis of community .Thanks!

William Birdsall

I support The Farms planning proposal. What a great facility and tourist attraction that adds to the environment and greater community in education and example. I whole heartedly support their proposal.

Sarah Palmer

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Douglas Dodgen

Our most memorable and desirable experience when visiting Byron Bay is experiencing everything The Farm has to offer. Please save The Bread Social and the onsite Education Programs.

Kaz Forbes

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal. Please keep the farm the way it is.  
Education for all on where our food comes from! Such a great place!

Elizabeth Taylor

I write in support of The Farms planning proposal. In this day and age when food additives are one of the main causes of disease it is vital that statutory bodies like council support the education of the youth and the production of healthy food. Too often councils chose to say No to ideas of great potential... simply because it is easier not to open a file and do the work that is involved in processing the application and guiding suitable applicants through the process. You are in a position to help something healthy and good happen for the people of the Shire and should encourage this low impact but highly well regarded company to thrive for the continued betterment of our children and their children. The Farm is famous across Australia and it should be supported by council. The Farm is a very big draw card to Byron and it 'gives back', which is a lot more than can be said for many other DA Applications. I believe that this application should be supported as an excellent tourist attraction and as an Essential service during covid and any future pandemics. Thank you for your time  
Regards Elizabeth Taylor Organicfoodmarkets.com.au 0299992226

Geoff Bramann

Please see attached letter of support for The Farm LEP Changes

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20 May 2021

Rob van Iersel, Major Projects Planner  
Byron Shire Council

Geoffrey Bramann

RE: I WRITE IN SUPPORT OF THE FARM'S PLANNING PROPOSAL

Dear Byron Shire Council,

I am writing in support of the proposed amendments to the Byron Shire LEP 2014 in relation to the usage of The Farm, Byron Bay.

The current usages of The Farm, including the bakery, The Bread Social and most importantly the educational tours for children and the wider community in relation to sustainable farming are a must to protect and ensure their continued existence and trade.

The Farm not only provides an exceptional Hospitality venue for locals and tourists alike, it has become an iconic destination for Byron Bay and the Northern Rivers Region as a whole. I personally know city living residents of Sydney that plan their holidays to the Northern Rivers and Byron area around their visits to The Farm to enjoy all that The Farm currently offers allowing their families to enjoy great food and drinks along with teaching their children about farm life and the wholistic nature of the circle of life and food. I have relatives residing in regional farming areas that have visited The Farm and have commented on how they wished their local government area had initiatives in place to help educate their children and tourists on sustainable farming methods within the unique environment The Farm has been able to establish.

The Farm is one of the largest flags flying in the area's appeal to the wider community and should be protected to not only continue operating in its current form, but should be encouraged to continue evolving to benefit the educational needs of all whilst improving the commercial offerings on their property.

Please amend the Byron Shire LEP in favour of the current commercial and educational offerings The Farm has to offer.

Regards,

Geoff Bramann

Melissa mckay

I write in support of The Farm's planning proposal. As a local we love the farm's community and mission. We want to see it continue its education and bakery as valued community services

Fiona Spinks

I support the continuation of the Education program and Bread Social. I have taken my classes from Xavier Catholic College on 2 occasions to experience the farm. They provided support to my HSC students for Food Technology and also supported our Hospitality program. This has been a great excursion for gate to plate ideas. The farm also supported work experience for our Hospitality students. Bread Social is an excellent product. There are not many rivals to this fantastic bread product. Kind regards Fiona Spinks. Leader of Technologies and Hospitality Teacher. Xavier Catholic College, Skennars Head.

David Hauser

I am in support of the Farm and the proposal as I like to visit and take my children there to inform them of the great work that can be done sustainably and ethically.

Skye and Steve Bell

I write in support of The Farms planning proposal. It is the highlight for us when we visit the area. It is a unique community having a great effect on visitors making them think about how they should live and respect their Environment.

Sally Moore

I support the important use of this farm land to continue to educate and bake great bread. The Farm offers a unique opportunity for adults and children to see how food is grown as well as maintaining farm land for future use.

Frances Harris

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal. There are few opportunities for the general public to experience the Farm activities that are available at The Farm Ewingsdale. It is desirable for future generations to have a "window into ground roots farming" when the world has fallen into "the acceptance of technology" without considering the effects on younger generations.

Tanya S

We have been visiting the Farm every week since moving to this area. It's great to have lunch and dinner yes... but the value in walking the fields seeing animals, flowers, macadamia trees is something really special. But the most incredible experience we have been fortunate to take part in- is every tHurd fay my preschooler takes part in Farm School. Incredible program. A learning environment and experience that every child should have access to.

Patricia Kan

I write in support of the Farm's planning proposal. Please approve it's submission. It's a wonderful asset to your Shire providing employment opportunities for many people. I have arranged bus trips to The Farm and all have thoroughly enjoyed their time there.

Peter Brack

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal

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20 May 2021

General Manager

Byron Shire Council

Attention Rob van Iersel – Major Projects Planner

Proposal to Amend the Byron LEP 2014 - The Farm

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal to amend the Byron LEP 2014 to approve the existing land uses at The Farm.

I have previously attended The Farm, observed its operation, the goods produced and offered for sale through the various outlets.

It is important that the education programs continue at The Farm, being a person who was raised growing my own produce, I have an understanding of sustainable agricultural practices, which should be communicated not only to current but also to future populations. The health of our land will continue to improve, as well as ourselves, if we implement sustainable practices as implemented at The Farm.

In addition, I have previously purchased the sourdough bread produced at The Farm and I am of the opinion that it is the best quality bread I have ever tasted and endeavor to purchase same when I am in the area. The bread is made from sustainable sourced produce, which assimilates to the implementation of goals of The Farm.

Accordingly, it is important that the continual education of sustainable agricultural practices and operation of the bakery be allowed by approving the Planning Proposal.

Yours faithfully

Peter Brack

Fred Bullen

The change should be allowed

Susan Young

I write in support of the farm's development proposal

Melanie Day

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Robyn Alexander

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal. I have regularly indulged in The Farms cafe and farm walks. It is a fantastic initiative to make a living in a great environment as well as educating people in farm practices. They should be congratulated and encouraged and supported by Council for eco tourism.

Megan Higgs

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal. It's a beautiful farm with lovely staff and a whole range of activities for all ages! It would be a loss for the Byron Bay region to lose this gem.

Sandy Loyall

Good Morning, I am writing in support of The Farm's current Planning Proposal. Everything about the farm and the proposal is 10/10 and I strongly support it. Thank you for listening!

Janet Chatterton

I think the planning proposals will be of great benefit in terms of education of the general public about regenerative farming practices and how we can all make a difference to help the environment.

Anita Walder

I write in support of The Farm's Planning Proposal. Please allow the farm to continue to educate and help the community.

Venetia Scott

Please find letter attached.

31\1217412\Letter to Mr Arnold re The Farm 20 May 2021.pdf [SCANNED, FILE SAFE]

Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

20/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Venetia Scott and I have been working with Hungry Earth Agroecology at The Farm for the past two years.

I am writing to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal. I started out as a volunteer with Hungry Earth Agroecology in May 2019 and over time stepped up to co-managing the farm plot full time. I have been growing a diverse variety of vegetables for the Three Blue Ducks, local restaurants and our own veggie boxes. The Farm has enabled my colleagues and myself affordable access to land to produce food with access to a large and reliable market with the onsite restaurant.

In the last two years I have witnessed on a daily basis the genuine community that exists among the chefs, bakers, farmers, and educators. These businesses all remain operable due to the passion and commitment of their owners and staff to grow or produce excellent food. With specific reference to the bakery, our community should applaud the work of the Bread Social for their commitment to sourcing local, organic ingredients. They have retained a close knit team who engage like family due to the care and commitment of the owners. They are an integral part of The Farm family and deeply integrated with the other enterprises on site.

My work is committed to ecological farming practices and creating a healthy, local, food system. As a first generation farmer and an individual who had no training and no financial means to start my own farming enterprise on my own land, The Farm has offered me, and my colleagues an invaluable opportunity to learn the craft of small scale farming. As land prices continue to surge across the shire farming on this scale will become increasingly more difficult to undertake. In the interests of ensuring our food security into the future the Byron Shire Council would do well to support existing operations like The Farm to develop and improve their educational and small-scale farming business incubation opportunities.

As both a farmer and also as the Chapter Coordinator for Young Farmers Connect in the Northern Rivers I have engaged in many educational programs at The Farm over the last few years. I am an assistant teacher in our Living Agroecology course, I help to facilitate Earthed to Birth (a gardening pregnancy group), and I run volunteer sessions every Wednesday morning. I have also hosted a field day for Young

Farmers Connect. We have enabled hundreds of people from all walks of life to engage in our holistic, ecologically aligned food system. What this site has to offer in terms of education is truly one of a kind in this region and is an asset to the community.

Given that no further development is proposed in this Planning Proposal and in large measure it merely seeks to gain approval for those enterprises already in existence I wish to note my support for this proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for further clarification.

Yours Sincerely,

Venetia Scott

Katee Blizzard

I think this is a fantastic proposal and look forward to the growth of The Farm. It provides a great space for events and workshops in our area which will support our tourism and overall economy.

Pakau Sutcliffe

I support the planning of the Farm. I believe the Farm offers valuable education programs to young people, especially regarding food from farm to plate. The Farm also offers a diverse range of workshops including bread making, fermentation and Living Agroecology. Lastly, as far as I am aware, the Farm has a wholistic approach to land management which I believe is more important now than ever before.

Gabby Dean

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Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Gabby Dean from Poppy and Fern.

I am writing to express my complete support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.  
I have worked closely with and been supported by the Farm for the past 3.5 years.

The Farm has been a huge part of the Byron Bay community, it provides a great number of local jobs and supports many small businesses and charities in the area.

It is meeting place for people of all walks of life and it is open for all to enjoy at whatever level they wish - be it a walk around the beautiful grounds learning about regenerative agriculture or volunteering and learning on the job in one of the many small scale farm plots.

I feel the educational aspect is so important to the heart of the Farm particularly with young people and is the best way to continue connecting community members with the abundant land on which they live.

The Bread Social has been providing a huge number of local cafes and businesses with their beautiful Organic Sourdough for a number of years, employs many locals of all ages and has been a fantastic example of the incredible produce this area has to offer.

I strongly believe that their business ethics are in line with everything that the Byron region has to offer, they are always the first to donate bread to local charities and people in need.

I would love to see both of these aspects of the Farm continue the great services they provide, and can't imagine the huge gap that would be left should they have to cease.

I appreciate your time and for the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you need anything further.

Kind regards,  
Gabby Dean

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Jordan Vacchiano

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21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Jordan Vacchiano of The Farm Byron Bay.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I work for The Farm and have done for 3 years now. I had previously worked for Tom & Emma Lane and since late last year have worked for Fraser Short.

Since the handover I have seen the team build integrity and bring together the team aligning our goals in regenerative farming. We aim to continue teaching the wider community about paddock rotation, ethical farming and share our vision to grow, feed, educate and give back.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and hope to see us working together as a community moving forward.

Please don't hesitate to contact me on the below with any questions.

Much appreciated,

Jordan Vacchiano

Emiliano Cataldi

I am in favour to the proposed changes as both The Farm and The Bread Social are great assets to the community and should be allowed to continue their amazing work

Glenda Frances

We love visiting the farm - for everything they do there - food, fun & learning - great asset to the area and so conveniently located & accessible - just off the hwy

Gabriella Fraraccio

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Gabriella Fraraccio of Three Blue Ducks, Byron Bay.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

Our business has worked closely with The Farm for a number of years.

I have seen the work The Farm has done with their education programs and I believe it's a vital part in our future generation gaining information and knowledge. It teaches resilience, tolerance through play and being encouraged to play outdoors and get their hands dirty. Children are educated about healthy eating and self-care.

Not only does the wholesale bakery and Bread Social employ 68 local staff, but they also utilise any ingredients grown on The Farm to promote sustainability and support local businesses. The percentage of wholesale sales with Farm produce = 68.7%. They with Growers onsite to implement short, medium and long-term plans to fully utilize as much produce as possible that they can grow.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my point of view. Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

Kind regards,

Gabriella Fraraccio

Brunswick Valley landcare inc

Educational Facilities are much needed

39\1217412\BVL letter re The Farm June 2021.pdf [SCANNED, FILE SAFE]

20 May 2021

**Re** : Brunswick Valley Landcare Inc. and Community Education at The Farm, Byron Bay.

Brunswick Valley Landcare (BVL) is a respected and active community platform, based in Byron Shire. BVL is aware that The Farm currently have a Planning proposal before Council and State Govt.

With a membership of 250, a monthly newsletter sent to 1100 and a 28 active Locality Groups across the shire, BVL exists to support our community in areas such as:

- . land and water restoration from forest to foreshore
- . habitat restoration via our Wildlife Safe Havens projects, funding nest boxes for threatened species
- . community engagement, education and capacity building via our regular workshops and seminars and publications
- . farmer, schools and landholder engagement and education in regenerative agriculture via our Farming Into The Future educational arm, and Seeds of Hope schools programme
- . recent community workshops in weed management, native garden planting guides and soil health
- . being available to the community to assist in grant funding, advice and community events.

Several of BVL's community workshops, notably those involving community and schools engagement and education, have been hosted by The Farm. The Farm management have been very supportive and encouraging, offering use of facilities, consistent with their educational and community focus, and offering their staff to assist on the days.

The layout and facilities at the Farm are excellent for education and community-based engagement. It's open spaces, on-site agriculture, sheds, all in a safe setting, lend themselves to easy learning and accessible community access.

Nothing of similar scale or quality, with such a supportive landowner, exists in the Shire.

BVL has presented a number of well received public community workshops at The Farm, examples of which are:

- . The 2018 "Farming Into The Future" workshop headlined by Charles Massy and Charlie Arnott and at which local producers told their stories. Some 250 people were inspired and many have gone on to implement sustainable regenerative practices on their lands. Further workshops are planned.



Brunswick Valley  
**Landcare**  
Inc.

.Weed workshops, open to the community, and field days on topics such as snake awareness, riparian restoration.

. For schools, the 2021 Seeds of Hope engagement and education sessions for regional high schools. At these ground-breaking and carefully designed sessions, Years 10 and 11 students were exposed to interesting modules on regenerative agriculture, soil health, water management, bee keeping, presented by local farmers and individuals under the guidance of NSW Education EEC Dorrroughby. Further engagement of schools is planned.

Nowhere in the Shire do such larger -scale,appropriate facilities suitable for community engagement and education, and an encouraging landowner exist.

The ability to continue and build upon The Farm as an educational community facility in parallel with its other enterprises would be welcomed.

The Byron and regional community has a large appetite for learning, and in our view and experience, The Farm offers a welcoming and diverse environment for community education.

We would be happy to elaborate on our involvement at The Farm and our intentions for further community-based education there.

Yours faithfully  
Brunswick Valley Landcare Inc.

Peter Ryan  
President, Brunswick Valley Landcare Inc  
[www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au](http://www.brunswickvalleylandcare.org.au)

Jordan Sly

My business has been supported by and apart of The Farm as a tenant since October 2018. Myself and staff at Wormticklers strongly support The Farms planning proposal. The farm continuing to share, grow and give back as an educational facility is of upmost importance to so many in our amazing community. Working as a closed link example of community based , liked minded people sharing important information around farming and connection with food is the very reason we love being apart of The Farm. At Wormticklers we look forward to being apart and contributing everything we can for many years to come. All Business on site including the Bread Social provided massive local employment, top quality and a sustainable approach to all areas of business and go above and beyond with kindness and community values at the forefront of their minds. We really are a Family. I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal.

Justin O'Neill

Hi, I wanted to leave some feedback in regard to the planning controls at the Farm. We would love for our children to be able to continue with the farming education they have received out there. The education receive for the younger and in fact older generations ongoing is invaluable and is not received in too many other places. We hope the right decisions are made. With thanks,.

rossco faithful

I support the Farm proposal and believe it is a very worthy proposal that will add a significant educational element to the shire. The kids workshops and the field days will benefit current and future generations. Sustainable land use, regenerative agriculture and the sharing of this information are critical to future farming and other land uses. As a local bush regenerator I am pleased to see the Farm making this initiative.

Judy Wynne

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# BYRON BAY LUXURY HOMES

25<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.

To whom it may concern,

We support The Farm's Planning Proposal.

The Farm give's back to the local community, including supporting several local organisations.

The Farm supports the community on an educational front, relating to sustainable farming and regeneration.

The Bread Social's organic products utilise local grower's and ethically sourced ingredients and provides employment to local people.

The Farm preserves publicly accessible green space at the gateway to Byron Bay.

Kind regards,

Judy Wynne and entire team at Byron Bay Luxury Home

Andy Carbone

I am in support of The Farm's planning proposal.

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

25/05/2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Andy Carbone and I am the General Manager at The Farm. I have been in the position since December last year once ownership changed hands.

I am writing in support of the new planning proposal and see the benefit of it being passed.

Since working at The Farm I've seen firsthand the impact and potential of the education aspect to The Farm. I have conducted educational tours at The Farm and see a great opportunity to educate the wider public about good food, showcasing good farm practices, how good farm practices can have a positive impact on climate change and why farm diversification and supporting locally grown food production is important – just to name a few.

I grew up on the land and have a background in Farm Management with a passion for Regenerative Agriculture. I applied for the GM position at The Farm as I see a real opportunity to build on the positives of what The Farm represents, with the education being a very exciting and important element.

Since the change of ownership, we have continued working with schools and have had a number of School groups visit The Farm including the regenerative agriculture students from Southern Cross University and we facilitated a day called Seeds of Hope, The Farm collaborated with BVL to help educate year 10 and 11 agriculture students from around the Byron Shire about regenerative farm practices, which included a tree plant with the non-for-profit Bangalow Koalas.

I fully support and I'm amazed by the work that Sam and his team have done to establish a great local business from the ground up, who are passionate about both the local community and the town they grew up in.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for The Farm's Planning Proposal and I'm happy for you to contact me for further clarification if needed.

With thanks,  
Andy Carbone

Rachel Ruiterman

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

25.05.2021

Dear Sir

My name is Rachel Ruiterman from The Balcony Bar & Oyster Co.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked for the Sydney Collective for over four years and have visited the farm many times since moving to Byron Bay in 2016.

I support The Farms planning proposal seeing as they are constantly running educational workshops for children, teaching them where food comes from, paddock rotation, pollination, cropping, healthy soil, free range egg production, composting and ethical farming practices, lifecycles and seasons. They run workshops including living agroecology, sourdough bread baking, fermentation workshops and harvest and design flower arrangements. They have a bakery in which they only use organic local and Australian products and employs local staff. The planning proposal only deals with existing uses, it will not authorise new development and the amendment to the LEP will not alter the existing zoning of the land.

I support the proposal in full.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Rachel Ruiterman

Euan Mcdonald

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# BALCONY

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bar & oyster co.

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

25/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Euan Wood, the General Manager at Balcony Bar & Oyster Co. and I am writing to you to show my support for The Farm's planning proposal

Our restaurant has been supplied by Bread Social in the past and we have had the pleasure of visiting the Farm on multiple occasions and have been vastly impressed with the positive changes over recent months

The educational benefit to the local community is undeniable and, having met the Farm Manager, that their commitment to extending and improving these educational activities further is beyond a doubt. Their attitude towards sustainability and ecological soundness is laudable and should be held as role model to any other business in the area. And, as I mentioned, having used Bread Socials products I can say they produce some of the best baked goods we've every sourced whilst aiding the community through employment schemes and charity support.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support.

Please get in contact with me on the below if you have any questions

Kind Regards

**Euan Wood**  
**General Manager**

Brett Newton

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Wednesday 26-5-2021

Dear Mr Arnold

My name is Brett Newton of "One Solution Building Services".

Our business and associates have visited "The Farm" on numerous occasions for group get togethers, lazy meetings and all in all, a great time.

We are in total support of the ethics and running of this property. Absolutely unique and precious to the community far and wide.

Thanks, in advance.

Brett W Newton

Compliance and customer support  
One Solution Building Services

Adam Vaughan

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

26/5/21

To whom it may concern,

My name is Adam Vaughan, I am the manager of The Bread Social.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been employed by The Bread Social for almost 5 years. It is the provider of my livelihood and has afforded both me and my family opportunity, friendship and a very tangible sense of community and a deep sense of connection to our community. I am proud of the work that is done here, not just by myself and the people I work for, but also by the greater farm unit as a whole. It is sustainable, regenerative and localised and sets a positive example to the way business at a larger scale can and should be run.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please feel free to call me for any further clarification.

Kind regards,

Adam Vaughan

Bakery Manager, The Bread Social

Kath Vaubell

I am in support of The Farms planning proposal. The Farm provides a wonderful and unique experience for both visitors and locals. The Farm runs valuable education programs, provides a place for employment for Byron Shire citizens and is a fantastic eco-tourism experience. The value The Farm provides for the Byron Shire economically from tourism and employment in an eco-friendly way should be celebrated and supported.

Candice Storey

I am in support of the planning proposal

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

25/05/2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Candice Storey and I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

We recently moved to the Byron Shire with our young family in December last year and my partner is the new General Manager at The Farm. We have found it difficult to enrol our boys in our school of choice (Shearwater) - our boys have been in the Steiner system since preschool and feel our eldest would have difficulty transitioning into other schooling systems as he has sensory processing challenges. We decided to home school and I took on the role as educator. We have used the Farm Kids program at The Farm at times to create variety and break up the week. It also gives me a much-needed day away from my beautiful boys and the role of an educator. The boys have enjoyed their experiences at The Farm with Farm Kids.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and I appreciate the opportunity to express my support for The Farm and what they do.

Kind regards,

Candice Storey

Bibi Gommers

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

26<sup>th</sup> May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Bibi Gommers of Baylato at The Farm.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked closely with The Farm for one year now through my employment however have been visiting The Farm for over two years.

The Farm have such a strong community presence bringing families together and aiming to educate local schools as well as the wider community. It is the local hot spot to grab a coffee, a pastry from The Bread Social and take a stroll around the grounds seeing the animals and chatting to the growers.

I often attend Poppy & Ferns workshops with friends and hope to see more educational workshops continue.

Feel free to contact me on the below should you have any questions, I appreciate the opportunity to share my appreciation for The Farm.

With thanks,

Bibi Gommers

Mel Olson

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

27 May, 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Melissa Olson of Cape Byron Distillery.

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

Our business has worked alongside The Farm for just over a year with our dispatch warehouse being located on site at the Ewingsdale location. In many other aspects, Cape Byron Distillery has also been supported by The Farm for much longer, as our spirits are ranged by Three Blue Ducks and over the years, we have fostered great relationships with all who work there.

The Farm has always exhibited similar values to our business so we support their endeavours that align with our ethos. Sustainability driven proposals such as focusing on locally-sourced and locally-produced goods not only promote viable long-term practices, but also supports the local businesses of the Northern Rivers region. This is a fantastic way to invest in our community both socially and economically. The Farm also nurtures and grows their team of staff much like we do - by hiring youth and helping them to develop a strong work ethic. Instilling strong core values via positive mentors and role models is another great way to strengthen community. We should support The Farm's Planning Proposal as they are leaders in exhibiting these core values to high volumes of visitors. By continuing to support the Farm, we can continue to witness the positive effects of their education programs, sustainability practices and community collaborations.

I am very happy to express my support for this Planning Proposal.

Please feel free to get in touch for further clarification.

Warm regards,

Melissa Olson

Melissa Butters

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

26<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Melissa Butters,

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have worked with the Farm in recent times photographing events & tours during 2021. Operating closely with students, farmers and growers gave me first hand insight into the incredible passion and dedication to their 'Grow, feed, educate, give back' ethos.

I was blown away by their commitment to their sustainable agricultural operations and regenerative farming and giving back to the community. The level of consciousness is inspiring, this kind of circular economy is key to any community and it's so important they are able to continue doing what they do best.

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Kind regards,

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Melissa Butters

Txai Bastos Mackenzie

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

27/05/21

Dear Sir

My name is Txai of the Farm

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

We have worked closely with The Farm for around 8-9 months now.

I support my workplace because we offer a satisfied approach to others, not like any other place in my book. We make sure everyone's happy by being happy, the love to take care of the place, making sure its safe, means a lot to people in or outside of this work place. I would know that cause I have that support and enjoy returning the favour.

We are very happy to support this Planning Proposal.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information

Kind regards,

Txai Bastos Mackenzie

Christobel Munson

Zero Emissions Byron supports the Planning Proposal of The Farm

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The General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
Station Street  
Mullumbimby NSW 2482

27 May 2021

Dear Sir

With reference to **The Farm's Planning Proposal**, I write in support of this proposal.

Zero Emissions Byron (ZEB) is one of The Farm's Community partners, and together, we have been able to establish a **Community Forest** at The Farm. In September 2020, ZEB encouraged 150 volunteers helped to plant several thousand native trees at The Farm, the costs and work involved, supported by The Farm and volunteers, including final year Byron High School students.

Since then, we have worked with The Farm to maintain the Community Forest, and are delighted that many of those involved in the planting, as well as other visitors to The Farm, have been able to closely observe how native trees grow in our subtropical environment, and many have been encouraged to do the same in their private homes and gardens, thus helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our area.

Although ZEB has also planted thousands of trees on private properties around the Shire in our Replant Byron initiative, this Community Forest is the only one (a) conveniently located at the Gateway to Byron Bay, so visible to many people, and is (b) open to inspire the public. As such, we see it as very valuable, and well worth supporting.

Sincerely yours,

Christobel Munson

# WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY FOREST

Jingi Walla! Welcome to The Community Forest created by  
Zero Emissions Byron, RePlant Byron & The Farm.

In September 2020, 150 volunteers including Byron Bay High  
students planted these trees from Firewheel Nursery with help  
from East Coast Bush Regeneration and Byron Biochar.

## What is The Community Forest?

This forest links plantings by Brunswick Valley Landcare along Simpson's Creek to create habitat for Superb Fairy Wrens, Eastern Rosellas, Lewin's Honeyeaters, Tawny Frogmouths, Whistling Kites, Swamp & Water Rats, Eastern Horseshoe Bats, Flying Foxes and Antichinus. In the riparian zone, forests support many fish, frogs, Dragon & Damsel Flies and so much more. Forests also draw down carbon from the atmosphere into trees and soil to counter climate change and create clean, fresh air.

*Supported by Justine Eliot MP Communities Environment Program Department of Environment and Energy and Northern Rivers Community Foundation (NRCF). Community donations were generously matched by The Lane family.*

*We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which this forest grows, the Arakwal of the Bundjalung Nation.*

LEARN MORE  
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Kevin Glencross

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## Letter of Support for The Farm

Byron Shire has an important role as a hub for agricultural innovation and training, which is critical to meeting the challenges facing our rural landscapes, communities and industries. **The Farm** represents a unique entry point for the public and interested stakeholders to engage in agricultural educational activities in agroecology, regenerative farming, holistic grazing, community-based food systems, carbon sequestration and sustainability. No other rural holding in this region showcases the broad spectrum of regenerative agricultural activities to the same extent as The Farm.

As a local researcher associated with Southern Cross University (SCU) and Forest Carbon Research Pty Ltd I wish to voice my support for the Planning Proposal focussed on The Farm. As a teacher and post-graduate supervisor, The Farm's agricultural systems represent an important teaching resource for primary, secondary and tertiary students at all levels. Over 80 students and researchers from the SCU Regenerative Agriculture course participated in a field day in April 2021 at The Farm that involved demonstration of agroforestry, soil science, forest regeneration, horticulture, livestock, bee production, native foods and agritourism.

As an international researcher with publications in forest restoration, agroecology and agritourism, I consider The Farm a great example of agroecological practices and agritourism across a range of key disciplines. If we are to engage with our young and aspiring farmers in an inter-disciplinary and innovative setting then I think ongoing development of The Farm is critical to achieving that goal.

Many thanks  
Kevin Glencross (PhD)

Jodie Smith

I am in support of The' Farm's planning proposal

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jodie Smith and I fully support The Farm's planning proposal.

As an employee of The Farm for the past 7 year. I have watched The Farm evolve from the very beginning to the humming community it is today.

My main focus has been on the bush regeneration and creek bank restoration using native species to increase our rich biodiversity, creek bank stabilisation, water quality and wildlife habitat. I believe we are creating an incredible model for education and training in sustainable land management practices.

Working with community groups such as Brunswick Valley Landcare is also helping to link up creek bank projects outside The Farm.

I really hope we can continue doing what we do here at The Farm – improving our environment and promoting a better future for us all.

Kind Regards,

Jodie Smith

Mitch Robinson

I support The Farm's planning proposal

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mich Robinson and I fully support The Farm's planning proposal.

Being a born and bred local, I think The Farm is what the Byron Shire needed and wouldn't be the same without it now.

Five and a half years ago I started working at The Farm. Over those years I have seen it blossom into such an amazing community space. Where can you buy a coffee, buy your bread and in the same day do a bakery workshop? Not to mention the countless students arriving on busses with smiles on their faces ready to learn about the land.

Thank you for the opportunity to show my support for The Farm's planning proposal.

With thanks,

Mitch Robinson

Vicki Brooke

Dear Byron Shire Council I wholeheartedly support the proposal to amend the Byron LEP to approve existing uses at The Farm, Ewingsdale, namely the provision of food by Bread Social and education uses such as lectures, talks and Farm Field Days. Bread Social is an important adjunct to The Farm's activities in supplying local organic food and produce, engaging visitors in the production chain from paddock to plate. Their products are wholesome and delicious, earning a well-deserved reputation in Byron and beyond. In addition, Bread Social employs around 68 people in its operation and donates excess produce to Liberation Larder. It is an essential social benefit to the Byron community as well as to The Farm visitors. Educating people on the benefits of locally-produced food, regenerative agriculture, planting trees to restore forests and related activities are integral to The Farm's purpose. From day-long talks and seminars to Farm Field Days, community planting, visits by schoolchildren and others in the community, The Farm is the necessary centre of agricultural educational activity in Byron Shire. I have personally benefitted from The Farm's educational activities. I request Council approves these existing uses to enhance the current activities undertaken by The Farm's educational activities. I request Council approves these existing uses to enhance the current activities undertaken by The Farm. ATTACHED community planting at The Farm, showing a young child how to plant a tree, from Zero Emissions Byron's 2020 community planting.

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The Farm has been a great partner for implementing residentials for first year Introduction to Regenerative Agriculture units in the B. Science at units at Southern Cross University

Carolyn Parry

Support for Planning Proposal see Attached File

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Carolyn Parry, a great granddaughter of William Flick, the original owner of "The Farm" or "Carabene" as it was known.

My family & I support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

I have been working with The Farm owners over a number of years to support the vision the current and former owners had and providing provenance to the property's origins. It appears to be the only way of maintaining our heritage to avoid it disappearing forever under expensive unsustainable housing developments.

My family supports the Farm's Planning Proposal because it preserves not only the first settlers' but also the local aboriginal families way of life who lived in harmony on and around The Farm. Also not only does "The Farm" celebrate local, sustainable produce but it teaches others how to achieve and appreciate this lifestyle wherever they may live. The accessibility of The Farm is important for the Byron Bay area not only for the tangible community support it provides but also the calming effect that green space provides for mental health and well being. Unfortunately these aspects are difficult to quantify but it was the reason that people moved to the north coast in pursuit of green spaces from the seventies onward.

We are very happy to support the proposal in full as we realise The Farm must be economically viable to exist in a climate of rising costs and threatening money hungry development. The traffic "The Farm" generates is minimal compared to the nightmare Byron Bay generates especially the poor situation of the hospital and in & through the Bay. Poor prior development design which ignored transport access should have no bearing on this application.

Council should realise that the Ewingsdale village & remaining farms around will be a major heritage precinct in the near future. Council needs to have a vision of heritage villages around the world and the magnet they are for more sustainable travellers.

I am happy for you to contact me for further information.

Yours Faithfully  
Carolyn Parry

Evan Anderson

I am a rarity as a young farmer in our shire, and the The Bread Social, and educational opportunities at "The Farm" support me to continue as one

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Evan Anderson, and I am one of the tenant farmers at “The Farm.” I have rented land there and built my business farming veggies now for five years. Prior to renting land at TF I leased and share-farmed on numerous other farms. It wasn’t until renting at TF and gaining the foundation of access to the markets on-site that they provide, that I was able to progress as one of the rare veggie-farmers in our region who continues for more than a year or two. The Bread Social is one of the key elements in this ecology-of-businesses that TF functions as. This is particularly in relation to the foundational support that the other businesses at TF provide for us farmers on site; that being that the Bread Social has purchased many thousands of dollars worth of eggplant, tomatoes, rosemary etc. over the years. This business is one of the few in the region who walks the walk, and they are supporting young farmers to be viable whilst doing so.

As for education, Hungry Earth (my business) along with Bunya Halasz from Growing Roots Permaculture have been experimenting and developing regionally-appropriate techniques for “regenerative agriculture” in the acre and a half that I rent. We are coming up to our 5th 12-week course, and have trained many locals and young land-workers up with farming and ecological-literacy skills. It is through our opportunities at TF that we have been able to undertake these radical approaches, and it is only through our educational efforts that some of this research and development phase of the work can be viable.

I hope this gives you a sense of how integral both The Bread Social and the ability to offer educational opportunities are for the actual farming that occurs at “The Farm.”

Regards,  
Evan Benson Anderson

Johnson Hunter

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30-05-2021

To whom it may concern,

My name is Johnson Hunter of regenerative agriculture consultant firm Ground Up Australia.

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the Farm's Planning Proposal, which is on public exhibition until the 31st May 2021.

I was directly employed by the Farm for 3 years from 2015 - 2018 and My business has worked with The Farm for the past 3 years, most recently I was fortunate enough to facilitate classes to 105, year 10 students from the Northern Rivers learning about Regenerative Agriculture through the "Seeds for Hope", Brunswick Valley Landcare initiative.

I support the Planning Proposal in its entirety including both the pending approval for the bakery as well as the education.

The Bread Social Bakery at The Farm employs countless locals, supports organic and regenerative agriculture businesses in the region and is one of the main integrity pillars of which The Farm is built on.

The Farm's values are Grow Feed and Educate, I have personally been employed to run education classes at the farm to the next generation of young farmers and feel it is imperative that The Farm gets the approval to continue this great work

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal in full, and I appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to seek more information

Kind Regards

Johnson Hunter

Sue Haining

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30.5.21

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Sue Haining and I have read through The Farm's planning proposal and I have worked closely with the team at The Farm in my capacity as an educator and member of Brunswick Valley Landcare to promote education for local schools around the Northern Rivers in the form of a Field day involving many farm community workers and other regenerative farmers and practitioners over the past 18 months. The Farm management have been very supportive and encouraging, offering use of facilities, consistent with their educational and community focus, and offering their staff to assist on the days.

Other ongoing education activities, that I am aware of are as follows:

- Educational activities at The Farm focus on organic regenerative farming, holistic animal management, food sovereignty, paddock to plate philosophy and their relationship to health, wellbeing, family and community
- Approximately 4,000 individual students from 45 different schools, colleges and universities have attended Farm Tours receiving education and information
- Children learn where food comes from, paddock rotation, pollination, cropping, healthy soil, free range egg production, composting and ethical farming practices, lifecycles and seasons
- Over 3500 children have attended workshops since The Farm opened in 2014
- Learning teamwork, resilience, tolerance through play and being encouraged to play outdoors and get their hands dirty. Children are educated about healthy eating and self-care
- Use biodegradable natural materials for craft, cooking and play activities

The Farm is an excellent venue for events such as this as its community of practitioners, biodynamic and organic principals and practices are excellent immersive and hands on learning experiences for our future farmers and current students and youth.

I appreciate the opportunity to talk about my involvement with the team at the Farm.  
Please feel free to get in touch for more information.

Kind regards,  
Sue Haining

Helena Norberg-Hodge

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Byron Bay, May 27, 2021

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express support for The Farm's Planning Proposal. I strongly believe the Byron LEP should be updated to enable the continuation of existing educational programs at The Farm, as well as the wholesale bakery.

Naturally, the Council's priorities should be to serve our community, and to enable sustainable, productive land-use in the Shire. Regulations such as the LEP are important guides towards serving these priorities.

In the current situation, it is necessary to alter the LEP in order to serve what is clearly best for our community and for productive, sustainable land-use.

1. **The Farm's educational tours** represent exactly the kind of education we need for a flourishing future for our Shire and, indeed, for the entire planet. We urgently need to upskill our community – and, in particular, our young people – in organic, diversified, localised food production, which is good for the environment and for our local economy. We also need to cultivate greater understanding of the benefits of such food production to people's health and to the community. These are central objectives of The Farm's educational programs.

Localised food production is the cornerstone of genuine economic resilience and food security. As we saw with the onset of the pandemic, global food supply-chains are vulnerable, while local food production is agile and responsive (with some local outlets doubling production of fresh vegetables in a matter of weeks). In light of an unstable future (climate crises, political instability, pandemics etc.), our young people need to be trained in localised, ecologically regenerative food production. This process can begin through the educational projects currently being carried out at The Farm.

Educational tours also provide additional income streams for the practitioners of small-scale farming at The Farm. This is crucial. In a food economy dominated by global agribusiness, it is a hard task to survive as a small-scale farmer. At the very highest level (the level of internal 'free trade' negotiations), corporate influence has skewed government subsidies, taxes and regulations towards supporting large-scale, globalised agriculture. These same mechanisms have been used to squash small-scale farmers throughout the world. Thus we have a situation in which small-scale farming – which is job-rich, ecologically



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regenerative, socially beneficial, and vastly more productive per acre – has been made *uneconomic*. Income streams, such as those provided by educational tours at The Farm, are therefore key to the survival of small farmers in our Shire; at least until such time as we see structural economic change.

I therefore implore you to permit educational tours at The Farm.

2. The Bread Social Wholesale Bakery uses organic, local, Australian produce – including and especially produce grown on The Farm itself – to provide a staple food to our community. This represents a key outlet for the farmers, which is crucial to supporting their ongoing viability. To remove an outlet like Bread Social from the business ecosystem that has been fostered at The Farm would therefore have negative ramifications for the many other businesses sited there. It would affect not only the job security of the 68 current Bread Social employees, but also that of the many other employees at The Farm.

The Bread Social is also an important local business for creating community connections and supporting wellbeing, because it fosters connections and relationships across the supply-chain, from producer to consumer. What's more, their various social initiatives support disadvantaged youth and the homeless.

It's also important to recognise that bread is a staple food for the vast majority of the Shire's population. From the perspective of food security, therefore, it is hugely important to sustain a business like Bread Social that provides staples for local people.

For all of these reasons and more, it is clear that a change in LEP regulation to support existing programs at The Farm makes social, economic and ecological sense. Please do not let arbitrary rules – that were formulated in different contexts – stand in the way of these important projects. These rules must be changed to align with our community's best interests.

Yours sincerely,

Helena Norberg-Hodge

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Peter Howard

Hi, I support the planning proposals that deal with current educational (teaching for the next generation about sustainable practices on the land and community support (food for Liberation Larder)

Douglas Rowley

The Farm is an incredibly valuable resource and tourist attraction with our Shire. The way it was established means it ticks many boxes including education of not only local agriculture but also as a venue for other organisations to spread their message throughout the local community. I have seen the Byron Bay Rural Fire Brigade at the Farm on numerous occasions spreading the Firewise message and children fire safety

Charlie Arnott

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**CHARLIE ARNOTT**  
REGEN FARMING & EDUCATION

31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Dear Mr Arnold

I write in support of the current planning proposal as submitted by The Farm at Byron Bay.

I have been associated with the business and landscape that is The Farm prior to its opening, advised to the previous owner as a member of their advisory board, and assist the current owner of the Farm in an informal advisory capacity. I make these points to emphasis the clear line of sight I have had on the business and its operations for over 6 years, and strongly support the current planning proposal that intends to amend the Byron Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to approve existing land uses at The Farm.

The planning proposal supports the long-held intention of The Farm business to, amongst other objectives;

**Support the food, farming and tourism industries of the Northern Rivers**, which is has done so since the very first day of operation 6 years ago. I travel much of Australia supporting farmers, food systems and advocating for the adoption of regenerative practices onto farms and the concept of adding value to products, and I can honestly say there is no one in this country that does a better job of supporting farmers, retailers and customers within and outside of the business than The Farm.

**Provide Education**, with approx. 4,000 students from 45 different schools, colleges and universities have attended The Farm receiving information and education relating to sustainable farming and regenerative agriculture. Workshops, sharing skills and knowledge are also taking place. These practices are essential in maintaining and protecting farmland into the future.

**CHARLIE ARNOTT**  
REGEN FARMING & EDUCATION

**Support locally based business's such as The Bread Social**, which has built an unmatched reputation in Byron Bay and the surrounding areas for their excellence in baking and community mindedness. Their organic products always utilise local grower's and ethically sourced ingredients The Bread social is a community minded business employing approximately 68 local people, supporting disadvantaged youth in entry level positions and giving back to the local community through regular donations of goods.

**Give Back to the local community**, including partnerships with Liberation Larder, Northern Rivers Community Foundation, Brunswick Valley Landcare and Zero Emissions Byron. The Farm is home to The NRCF 'Wishing Well' and the 'Community Collect' bucket shake, linking as many as 30 local community organisations with The Farm. The Liberation Larder vegetable plot is grown on farmland donated to the cause, supporting Liberation Larder to provide up to 550 meals a week to the regions homeless. Brunswick Valley Landcare and Zero Emissions Byron have revegetated parts of The Farm planting Over 8300 native trees.

I am very happy to support this Planning Proposal and appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please don't hesitate to call me for further clarification.

With thanks

Charlie Arnott

Sunny Lauren King

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Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

24.05.21

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sunny Lauren King, I am writing to you today in support of the Farm's planning proposal.

My family have lived in Byron Bay for 36 years and I personally have worked closely with the Farm in varying aspects for a number of years now. The planning proposal engages our local community from on many different levels.

There are educational activities which thousands of children and students of all ages through all education levels have already attended to learn such things as;

- Organic regenerative farming, holistic animal management, food sovereignty, paddock to plate philosophy and their relationship to health, wellbeing, family and community,
- Learning teamwork, resilience, tolerance through play and being encouraged to play outdoors and get their hands dirty. Children are educated about healthy eating and self-care
- Use biodegradable natural materials for craft, cooking and play activities
- Living Agroecology; Sourdough bread baking; Fermentation workshops; Grow, harvest and design flower arrangement

Community organisations such as Liberation Larder, Byron Community Centre, Jasper Corner, Bundjalung Nation Youth Fundraiser, BYS, North Coast TAFE, Cape Byron Steiner and Shearwater Steiner School, Goonengerry Public School are engaged and support by the Farm.

They employ over 100 local staff on the property and very heavily engage in training opportunities for students to learn and grow within the different local businesses who are a part of the Farms make up.

The Farm approaches land management holistically with the intention to educate the wider public about regenerative farming and small-scale farm diversification with less than 6% of The Farm's total acreage developed. They have planted over 8000 native trees in partnership with Zero Emissions Byron Bay and Bruns Valley Landcare across the property.

I am taking this opportunity to fully and completely express my support of the proposal on behalf of myself, the generations of my family in the area and my local community. We need more places like The

Farm who are doing such great work on so many levels. They deserve the utmost support of our wonderful the wonderful local community they so clearly support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or clarification regarding this letter of support.

Yours Sincerely,

Sunny Lauren King

Young Famers Connect

We support The Farm's planning proposal

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Principle Coordinator :

Re : "The Farm's Planning Proposal"

26th May, 2021

Attention:

Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

Young Farmers Connect (YFC) wish to express our support for The Farm Byron Bay, the continuation of activities and opportunities on the site currently occupied and supporting a rich diversity of successful farming operations, dynamic enterprises, education and community engagement platforms and of course substantial employment for our local community.

Our organisation aligns with The Farm's vision to support and develop diversity of small scale organic farming enterprises and the creation of more opportunities for regional employment, education and innovation in the local agrifood and food economy sector.

Young Farmers Connect is a national not-for-profit organisation committed to cultivating networks, resources and community for new, young and aspiring farmers. Our network provides educational platforms and community connections that encourage and support the use of regenerative, holistic & sustainable agricultural practices.

Our first YFC chapter was founded in the Northern Rivers in 2015 in order to build a community of support for young farmers who have been facing huge challenges to enter the sector, to access affordable farmland and find pathways to markets and we have since established ourselves as a primary point of contact for the small scale farming sector and strong industry support group.

We are fortunate to enjoy the support and endorsement of The Farm as a host site for of our network field days, as a location for workshops and training, as a substantial supply chain partner for a significant number of our members primary produce and as a strong advocate for Young Farmers Connect.

The Farm is a unique enterprise in the Byron Shire which has successfully supported a wide range of new and aspirational small farm enterprises and created pathways to successful small business and independent employment in a sector which is suffering greatly from increasing pressure on land use and land inflation. Above all The Farm is almost exclusively the ONLY location in the region which has activity provided the resources, supply chain support, investment, assets and education to new and young farmers.

Re : "The Farm's Planning Proposal"

26th May, 2021



There is substantial evidence to demonstrate the value of sustainable rural livelihoods - such as small scale ecological food production. Small scale farms have been shown to benefit the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reducing fossil fuel use and reduce food waste. They enhance community wellbeing and help build vibrant, living regions in which people engage and nurture our landscapes and natural biodiversity.

Fundamentally small scale farms play an important role in ensuring our food security - a fact that has been made even more apparent through last years Coronavirus impact. They also provide employment and educational opportunities which helps to maintain rural skills and to improve local agricultural, ecological and food literacy.

Young Farmers Connect supports practices and policies that will sustain young, independent and prosperous farmers now and into the future. Our regional chapters, members and supporters stand by a shared set of 'guiding principles' that inform our work and can be found on our website.

As a community of young farmers and consumers, we support:

- Independent farming enterprises
- Regenerative farming practices
- Affordable land for farmers
- Farmer-to-farmer training:
- Cooperation and collaboration

The Byron Shire Councils decision to hinder the approval of The Farms current operations would seem completely at odds with its own policies to support sustainable enterprise, agriculture and employment in the region.

While The Farm continues to endorse our goals and provide us with a place to learn, access to assets and resources the Young Farmers Connect community will continue to support The Farm.

We look forward to offering more activities to bring new, young and aspiring farmers together in partnership with The Farm and to progress the small-scale farming sector by nurturing the next generation of farmers in the region.

Sincerely  
Joel Orchard

Re: "The Farm's Planning Proposal"

26th May 2021



This letter has been endorsed by the Young Farmers Connect committee and is supported by the following Young Farmers Connect - Northern Rivers members :

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Anne Briggs

Please see letter of support

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25 May 2021

**Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482**

**RE: Letter of Support for The Farm's Planning Proposal**

Dear Mark Arnold,

Northern Rivers Food (NRF) is pleased to support The Farm's Planning Proposal.

NRF was established in 2011 to help drive the development of the food industry in the Northern Rivers region of NSW. It is the first independently funded regional food industry body in Australia and has approximately 200 members including small to medium sized food-based businesses that represent the entire food industry from gate to plate. This includes local growers, food service operators, food manufacturers, breweries and distilleries.

With The Farm's Planning Proposal, in particular we recognise and support their provisions for:

- a 'Rural Activity Precinct' and a 'Farming Precinct' on site;
- Existing commercial outlets for farming products grown on site will be allowed; and
- Opportunities such as farm field days and exhibitions for the community to learn about and appreciate farming, would also be allowed.

We understand that the Planning Proposal deals only with existing uses. It will not authorise new development and that the amendment to the LEP will not alter the existing RU1 (Primary Production) zoning of the land.

NRF supports The Farm in their efforts to provide an exceptional educational food & farm experience for visitors and tourists alike, providing opportunities to showcase our local produce & sustainable farming practices.

NRF particularly appreciates The Farm's support of Northern Rivers Food producers and support for local food industry events.

The Farm also plays a big role in educating students on sustainable farming and regenerative agriculture practices. Their regular farm tours, workshops and events help share & develop collective food & agriculture skills. These practices are essential in developing awareness and interest in sustainable farming practices and maintaining and protecting farmland into the future.

The Bread Social at The Farm has built an unmatched reputation in the whole Northern Rivers NSW region for excellence in baking and community mindedness. The Bread Social is also a Northern Rivers Food member and employs approximately numerous local people, supporting disadvantaged youth in entry level positions and giving back to the local community through regular donations of goods.

Overall, developing sustainable food, farm and agri-tourism experiences are an important part of our region's future. The Farm is an important contributor to the Northern Rivers NSW growing regional reputation as a unique and exceptional food & farming destination.

Yours sincerely,

**Anne Briggs**  
**Executive Officer**  
**Northern Rivers Food**

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The Farm Planning Proposal

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## **Letter of Support for The Farm's Planning Proposal**

**Friends of Libraries Byron Shire support The Farm's Planning Proposal. As a community group promoting literacy, we support opportunities that promote learning. Proposals to expand opportunities for farm field days and exhibitions for the community to learn about and appreciate farming would be as asset to our community and to the visitors to our Shire.**

**Educating the community on the uses of land is essential for the sustainable development, land use and management for the benefit of future generations.**

**Children's and group workshops, improving knowledge about regenerative farming, is an essential part of appreciating how our land produces the food to sustain our existence and to ensure that the land will be in good use for many years to come.**

**Please consider this proposal in its entirety.**

**Beryl Main**

**President Friends of Libraries Byron Shire.**

Kathryn Blizzard

The Byron Bay Chamber of Commerce FULLY Supports the Planning Proposal for The Farm.

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# BYRON BAY

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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### Letter of recommendation

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express the Byron Bay Chamber's support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

The Farm has been an active and supportive pillar within the Byron Shire not only creating opportunities for microbusinesses to collaborate, but also, through their GIVE BACK programs supporting *Liberation Larder*, *Northern Rivers Community Foundation*, *Brunswick Valley Landcare*, *Zero Emissions Byron* amongst others.

Since the beginning, the Farm has been a valued member of the Byron Bay Chamber and as a venue, we are always excited to host our events with the help of their generous hospitality.

The Byron Bay Chamber is in complete support of this Planning Proposal. Please do not hesitate to reach out at [info@byronbaychamber.com](mailto:info@byronbaychamber.com) if you have any questions.

With sincere recommendation,

Katee Blizzard  
Executive Officer  
Byron Bay Chamber Of Commerce

Kathleen Drennan

Support (see attached letter)

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31 May 2021  
Byron Shire Council  
[council@byron.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@byron.nsw.gov.au)

To whom it may concern,

**Re: Support for The Farm's Planning Proposal**

I'd like to offer my support for The Farm's planning proposal that is currently with Byron Council for consideration.

I strongly support this initiative for four reasons:

1. As a professional florist – I've participated in educational workshops at The Farm to understand land usage, the impact of invasive weeds and how to sustainably manage flower production to protect our diverse ecosystem
2. As a Byron Shire resident – The Farm provides a unique experience for my husband and I to continue to stay educated and informed on land usage and ongoing ecosystem management, supporting informational initiatives in our local area rather than travelling interstate.
3. Diversified economic development + tourism – pressure on the long-standing tourism infrastructure in Byron Shire continues to erode away at the natural beauty of the coastline. More "off beach" activities and educational tourism activities can help diversify the area's economic development infrastructure.
4. As an Australian citizen – continued education and information regarding land usage and agricultural infrastructure is an integral part of the Australian experience. More hands on, easily accessible, interactive educational opportunities for all will continue to increase awareness of our country's intricate biodiversity. Ongoing education is a must to keep each of us accountable to our role and impact on the future of agriculture in our country.

Warmest regards,

Kathleen Drennan

Katerina Lazareva

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The Farm Planning Proposal  
Letter of support

Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219,  
Mullumbimby  
NSW 2482

30.05.2021

Dear Mr Arnold,

My name is Katerina Lazareva of Suria Foods

I am writing to express my support for the Farm's Planning Proposal.

I am one of the tenant businesses located at The Farm. I have been invited to join 2 years ago as a grower and bring my knowledge to the community. Suria Foods is a seasonal fermented food range, grown and made at The Farm. I also run regular fermentation classes to share my knowledge with the community. The Farm educational program, that includes classes and tours have become an important platform to promote, support and lead our community towards regeneration. Every single grower and business is important as we all contribute with our own unique knowledge, care for the environment and high business ethics.

I support the planning proposal because:

- Educational activities at The Farm focus on organic regenerative farming, holistic animal management, food sovereignty, paddock to plate philosophy and their relationship to health, wellbeing, family and community.
- Approximately 4,000 individual students from 45 different schools, colleges and universities have attended Farm Tours receiving education and information
- Children learn where food comes from, paddock rotation, pollination, cropping, healthy soil, free range egg production, composting and ethical farming practices, lifecycles and seasons
- Over 3500 children have attended workshops since The Farm opened in 2014
- Learning teamwork, resilience, tolerance through play and being encouraged to play outdoors and get their hands dirty. Children are educated about healthy eating and self-care
- Use biodegradable natural materials for craft, cooking and play activities
- Current workshops include: Living Agroecology; Sourdough bread baking; Fermentation workshops; Grow, harvest and design flower arrangement. Provide essential knowledge on growing, preserving, cooking holistically with a planet in mind.
- The current footprint of development is less than 5 acres of The Farms total 86 acres

Scott Clifford

[Date]

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- Over 8300 native trees plant across areas of The Farm in collaboration with Brunswick Valley Landcare and Zero Emissions Byron Bay
- The Farm approaches land management holistically with the intention to educate the wider public about regenerative farming and small scale farm diversification
- Rainwater is primary source of water throughout The Farm and all businesses
- ALL organic waste is composted and used onsite as fertilizer by the Growers
- The Farm is spray & chemical free. Both market gardens and regenerated areas including the Big Scrub rainforest remnant, are maintained without using chemicals
- The Farm preserves publicly accessible green space at the gateway to Byron Bay
- Onsite septic treatment system treats all the liquid waste generated on site
- All onsite businesses have shop/employ local and plastic free policies
- Zero food/transport miles for restaurant, bakery and other onsite businesses wherever possible
- In June 2016, The Farm became home to the Northern Rivers Community Foundation 'Wishing Well' \$14,500 has been donated so far
- 'Community Collect' bucket shake opportunity and 'Farm Hamper' donations valued at approx. \$15,000 in 2019 Approx. 30 local community organisations in direct contact with The Farm
- Community partners include Liberation Larder, Northern Rivers Community Foundation, Brunswick Valley Landcare and Zero Emissions Byron

I appreciate the opportunity to express my support.

Please feel free to get in touch for more information

Kind regards,

[Katerina Lazareva](#)

James Perrin

Stone & Wood supports this Planning Proposal. Please see attached letter of support.

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Attention:  
Mark Arnold, General Manager  
Byron Shire Council  
PO Box 219  
Mullumbimby, NSW, 2482

**31 May 2021**

Dear Sir,

My name is James Perrin from Stone & Wood Brewing Co. I write this letter to express support for The Farm's Planning Proposal.

Stone & Wood has partnered with The Farm and many of the organisations conducting activities at The Farm's premises for a number of years. We have seen the benefits to small businesses and the local economy through local partnerships, the community through various events and educational activities, and to our environment through the land management and restoration work.

As an example of this, our charity the inGrained Foundation recently supported an educational event held by Brunswick Valley Landcare in conjunction with The Farm educating school kids about regenerative agriculture, and giving them the tools and opportunity to implement their own projects.

We look forward to continuing to partner with The Farm in a wide range of economic, community, and environmental activities into the future.

Stone & Wood is very happy to support this Planning Proposal. Please feel free to get in touch for further information.

Regards,

James Perrin  
Sustainability & Community Manager  
Stone & Wood Brewing Co.