

COMMUNITY NEEDS

1. There is a shortage of homes and units to buy or rent for families in Evans Head. This is evident reading real estate reports and newspapers and advertisements. I listen to home seekers and charity workers.
2. Elderly citizens cannot find suitable accommodation to live in when they sell their homes. One story home units are in short supply. Unfortunately they are forced to live in another town away from their friends.
3. Need for an increased population to stimulate growth of small industries and business as well as encourage professional people to set up in town. Our industrial estate has lost small industries.
4. Need jobs for our unemployed.
5. Need more population to assist our volunteer organisations Marine Rescue, Life Savers, Firemen, SES, Neighbour Hood Centre, Museum and charities in the community. Social and sporting teams also require extra patronage.
6. Need extra population to support ailing business people throughout the year. Evidence shown with shop closures.
7. Need extra population to support local tradesmen and women to service our homes. Tradespeople from other towns are reluctant to come to Evans Head due to distance and low population.
8. Need for increased student population to maintain and ensure a range of quality curriculum programs. Financial allocations are usually direct to pupil numbers or specific groups of students.
9. Need more people to support our wonderful swimming pool financially throughout the year.

People are the life blood of any community. This Iron Gates development land release, with due respect to the environment, will enable the Evans Head Community to grow and achieve some of these needs.

I have lived in Evans Head since 1983. I do understand our lovely community and do appreciate our natural environment. Over the years, some decisions have been made by protesters who do not liveⁱⁿ or respect or represent the Evans Head Community. They should look after their own backyards

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN FOR IRON GATES RESIDENTIAL RELEASE EVANS HEAD

I support this Draft Master Plan with the adapted appropriate environmental changes especially the community bushed access along the river bank. The reserves and fire trails are essential.

The placement of this residential land release will not interfere negatively with our unique village community and structure. Evans Head will still be surrounded by beautiful national parks.

IMPACT

The Iron Gates residential release will moderately increase our permanent population, create jobs, encourages business growth and financial investment while providing homes and units for sale or rental. We will have accommodation for permanent families

Our main Evans Head industry was the fishing co-operative and the associated trawlers which have now fallen on hard times. Benefits from the tourists is mainly restricted to school holiday breaks.

Rentals from the holiday parks goes mainly back to the government while a business has to struggle to survive for the rest of the year.

The survival of our future community may depend on this land release as it already shows signs of stress.

The Richmond Valley Council will assess the impact of the availability of water and sewage services.

There will be an increase in business centre parking which is currently being addressed. Our wide streets allow for parking increases. Rates will increase regardless of this development. There will be more rates payers to contribute to needed community services.

Traffic flow from Iron Gates will not be as great as South Evans Head development which has more housing lots and tourists with a one road access. It works well. I live there.

The economic benefits gained through financial investment creating business and population growth and increasing social services will address some of the community needs. The Evans Head Community is very adaptable due to tourism. An increase in population will assist Evans Head community to achieve some social and economic needs.