

27 October 2011

Mr Michael Edgar
Group Manager Strategic Planning
The Hills Shire Council
PO Box 75 Castle Hill NSW 1765

Dear Mr Edgar

We understand that at a recent public meeting in the Eurobodalla Shire to discuss their LEP, a member of the audience asked the Department of Planning and Council officers present whether the Council has any incentives to put environmental zones over private land. The response was that as a consequence of their LEP, there is a 'bio-certification' process which results in councils receiving 'development credits' amounting to at least 25% of the land covered by any form of environmental protection.

We seek a response to the following questions:

1. Does or will The Hills Shire Council receive any form of 'development credit' against private land affected by any type of environmental control or overlay?
2. If so, could you please provide details of how this operates.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Davidson
President