

# Media Release

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## Community can have say on highway service centre

The community is invited to give feedback on a Development Plan Amendment (DPA) to facilitate a new integrated highway service centre on the outskirts of Nuriootpa.

The DPA has been spearheaded by a developer seeking to establish a petrol station, restaurant, convenience store, parking, playground and public amenities on the corner of Sturt Highway and Belvidere Road.

Mayor Bim Lange explained the DPA introduces a new policy area for the land.

"This proposal keeps the current primary production zoning, but introduces a policy area for the site, whereby developments such as a petrol station change from non-complying to a merit-based assessment," he said.

"We are asking the community if they support a change in this direction."

Importantly, the proposed changes enable Council to stage the development, to ensure they proceed as intended.

Mayor Lange stressed any such rest centre development would still need to go through a formal approval process.

"It's important for people to understand we are consulting on whether such a development is acceptable in this location," he said. "Prior to any development occurring, any proposal would still need to follow due process and be assessed against relevant policies."

Community consultation will run from this Thursday until 21 February, giving people 10 weeks to make comment.

"We recognise the holiday period is a busy time, which is why we have allowed two extra weeks for people to prepare any submission," Mayor Lange said.

"We encourage people to take the time to express their views so we have an understanding of community sentiment on this matter."

Written submissions can be made in various ways, including online at [www.ourbetterbarossa.com](http://www.ourbetterbarossa.com) People can elect to speak to their submission at a public meeting about the DPA on 4 March, 2019.

A committee will consider submissions and make recommendation to Council, with final approval resting with the Minister for Planning.

The DPA documents can be viewed online or at Council branch offices. For more information visit Council's website.

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