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# Master vision for Dumaresq Creeklands

A Master Plan to unlock the recreational potential and natural asset of the Dumaresq Creeklands within the Armidale City boundaries was approved by Council on Wednesday 28 June.

Armidale Regional Council will engage consultants to prepare a Master Plan in consultation with the community for the urban reaches of the Dumaresq Creek that will provide the community passive enjoyment and a basis for future sound planning decisions.

A holistic plan of management for Dumaresq Creek will offer cultural place making, recreation and tourism potential. The plan would also address safety for recreation activities with consideration to flooding, soil

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contamination and proposals for larger water bodies such as wetlands or ponds that may improve the landscape appeal and environmental integrity of the creeklands.

“The Dumaresq Creeklands are a focal point in our city’s landscape,” said Administrator Dr Tiley.

“The area provides Armidale residents with recreational activities including open spaces to the cycleways, playgrounds and playing fields. The creeklands also provides a wildlife corridor and a link between the university and city centre.”

Over the past seven years an active community group the Armidale Urban Rivercare Group (AURG) have cleared the urban reaches of the creek of huge quantities of woody weeds and established over 30,000 indigenous trees and shrubs to successfully improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

Council has a range of significant infrastructure located within the creeklands corridor including electrical infrastructure, cycleway lighting, sewer trunk mains, five major distributor water mains crossing the creek, storm water pipes and associated gross pollutant traps. Such infrastructure including road culverts, bridges and car parks represent potential cost constraints for development in some locations.

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