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Media Release

Heritage Listing Consultation Period Extended

The NSW Heritage Office is extending the community consultation period for the proposal to list Braidwood and its Setting on the State Heritage Register.

Reece McDougall, Director of the Heritage Office, said today that he had extended the deadline for submissions on the proposal to Friday, 21 October 2005.

'The Office for Rural Affairs has advised that the draft Rural Impact Study for Braidwood will be delivered to Palerang Council and the Heritage Office on Friday 16 September.'

'I expect that, following comments on the draft by the two commissioning organizations, the final report will be available for circulation to the community in the next few days.'

'I have therefore decided to give the community an extra two weeks to digest the report and make any further submissions on the proposed listing,' he said.

Reece McDougall and the Chair of the Heritage Council of NSW, Michael Collins, met with Palerang Councillors and senior staff on 12 September 2005.

One of the issues discussed was a Heritage Office proposal to fund the preparation of a heritage tourism strategy to assist in the marketing and promotion of Braidwood, should the listing proceed. The project would be managed by Palerang Council.

Reece McDougall also had a meeting on the same day with rural landowners, whose land is included in the proposed listing area, to answer questions about the proposed listing.

Representatives from the Heritage Office will be attending the Braidwood market on Saturday 24 September 2005.

Ends

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