

**Explanatory Note**  
**Minister administering the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (ABN 20 770 707 468)**  
**and**  
**Bayland Pty Limited (ACN 649 940 634)**  
**and**  
**Michael John Russell**

**Draft Planning Agreement**

**Introduction**

The purpose of this explanatory note is to provide a plain English summary to support the notification of the draft planning agreement (the **Planning Agreement**) prepared under Subdivision 2 of Division 7.1 of Part 7 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the **Act**).

This explanatory note has been prepared having regard to the Planning Agreements Practice Note and its contents have been agreed by the parties.

**Parties to the Planning Agreement**

The parties to the Planning Agreement are the Minister administering the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (ABN 20 770 707 468) (the **Minister**) and Bayland Pty Limited (ACN 649 940 634) and Michael John Russell (together, the **Developer**).

**Description of the Subject Land**

The Planning Agreement applies to Lot 46 in Deposited Plan 1273825 and to that part of Lot 45 in Deposited Plan 1273825 which is shown hatched on the plan annexed to the Planning Agreement as “Annexure A” known as 5 Speedy Lock Lane, Heatherbrae 2324 (**Subject Land**).

**Description of the Proposed Development**

The Developer is seeking to subdivide the Subject Land into approximately 48 residential lots, 1 residual lot and 2 service lots containing a drainage reserve and sewer pump station, generally in accordance with the plan in Schedule 7 of the Planning Agreement and with DA16-2021-1156-1 lodged with Port Stephens Council (**Proposed Development**). The Developer has made an offer to the Minister to enter into the Planning Agreement in connection with the Proposed Development.

An indicative plan of the Proposed Development is at the end of this explanatory note.

## **Summary of Objectives, Nature and Effect of the Planning Agreement**

The Planning Agreement provides that the Developer will make a monetary contribution of \$87,414 per hectare of net developable area (subject to indexation in accordance with the Planning Agreement) (**Development Contribution**) for the purposes of the provision of designated State public infrastructure within the meaning of clause 6.1 of *Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013 (LEP)*.

An instalment of the Development Contribution will be payable prior to the issue of each relevant subdivision certificate in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Planning Agreement.

The Developer is required to provide a \$20,000 bank guarantee in accordance with Schedule 5 to the Planning Agreement.

The objective of the Planning Agreement is to facilitate the delivery of the Developer's contributions towards the provision of designated State public infrastructure referred to in clause 6.1 of the LEP.

No relevant capital works program by the Minister is associated with the Planning Agreement.

## **Assessment of Merits of Planning Agreement**

### **The Public Purpose of the Planning Agreement**

In accordance with section 7.4(2) of the Act, the Planning Agreement has the following public purpose:

- the provision of (or the recoupment of the cost of providing) public amenities or public services;
- the provision of (or the recoupment of the cost of providing) transport or other infrastructure relating to land.

The Minister and the Developer have assessed the Planning Agreement and both hold the view that the provisions of the Planning Agreement provide a reasonable means of achieving the public purpose set out above. This is because it will ensure that the Developer makes an appropriate contribution towards the provision of infrastructure, facilities and services.

### **How the Planning Agreement Promotes the Public Interest**

The Planning Agreement promotes the public interest by ensuring that an appropriate contribution is made towards the provision of infrastructure, facilities and services to satisfy needs that arise from development of the Subject Land.

The Developer's offer to contribute towards the provision of designated State public infrastructure will have a positive impact on the public who will ultimately use it.

### **Requirements relating to Construction, Occupation and Subdivision Certificates**

The Planning Agreement does not specify requirements that must be complied with prior to the issue of a construction certificate or an occupation certificate.

The Planning Agreement requires an instalment of the Development Contribution to be paid prior to the issue of the relevant subdivision certificate and therefore contains a restriction on the issue of a subdivision certificate within the meaning of section 6.15(1)(d) of the Act.

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