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Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Glenn,

Re: Request for Gateway Extension

Reference is made to Gateway Determination PP_2020_PORTS_003_00 which is due to expire on 28 August 2021. Council requests an extension to the completion timeframe for the planning proposal for the following reasons:

- Condition 1b of the Gateway determination states that prior to undertaking community consultation, consultation with a number of agencies is to occur. Objections to the planning proposal were received by two agencies and Council officers have spent significant time resolving these issues with agencies resulting in significant time delays.
- The Gateway determination states that Council is to update the planning proposal to take into account the outcomes of studies and agency consultation and seek approval from DPIE prior to undertaking community consultation. The further studies that were required involve surveys being carried out at certain times of the year. One of the studies is currently being peer reviewed. On 28 May Council officers met with DPIE staff, it was decided that an amendment to the Gateway determination was required due to a drafting error.

It was suggested that Council issue an extension request to the Gateway determination given that the planning proposal had not been exhibited and was unlikely to meet the time frame required, and that the Gateway amendment could be processed at the same time.

Given the Local Government elections are due to be held in September 2021, it is requested that the timeframe for completing the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) be extended by 9 months to 28 May 2022. The following timeframe is proposed:

Gateway Amendment Process	June 2021-August 2021
Revise Planning Proposal	September 2021
Community consultation period	October –November 2021

Consideration of submissions and report to Council	December 2021
Submission to Department with request to make the plan, legal drafting and making of the Plan	February-April 2021

Please contact Emily Riley on 4988 0386 should you require any further information on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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