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Dear Monica

Planning proposal PP-2021-7395 to amend Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Byron Shire Affordable Housing Contribution Scheme - early request for extension of time

Council welcomes the issuing of a gateway for PP -2021-7395. As you are aware a significant amount of work has gone into this PP from both Council and DPE staff efforts since 2018.

The conditions of the gateway as issued require reporting to Council for final recommendation no later than 4 months from the date of the Gateway determination (18 February 2022) and completion within 6 months. Staff raised concerns last week about the time frame with the Regional Office given lead times for community consultation, need to workshop and report to Council, noting that Council does not meet in July. A request for an extension to this timeline was already sought. The Regional Office responded to this request indicating it could be monitored.

Notwithstanding the above, as you would be aware, Byron Shire has been heavily impacted by the current flood event. Presently, Council and community have power and communication difficulties. We are unsure of when these will be resolved. There are also many communities without accommodation, accesses cut and without services. These factors are going to make it difficult to commence our community consultation and have it be effective at present. Our councillors will also expect us to be respectful of the current situation.

Given the above, I am writing to formally request that Gateway conditions 5 and 6 be updated to 6 months and 8 months respectively to enable enough time for Council reporting and finalisation of the PP.

I am sure you can appreciate the situation that Council finds itself in, and I look forward to your favourable response in this matter.

Should you need to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me phone 02 6626 7169 or email nhancock@byron.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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