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Our Reference: 5875 & 7178 DS:KF

Ms Rachel Cumming Acting Regional Director – Sydney Region West Department of Planning & Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

14 January 2014

Dear Ms Cumming,

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO TIMEFRAMES OF PLANNING PROPOSALS FOR CLEARVIEW AND THIRLMERE WAY

The purpose of this letter is to seek extensions to the specified gateway timeframes for the planning proposals detailed below:

## Clearview, Picton (PP\_2011\_WOLLY\_007\_00)

Gateway Determination: 8 August 2011.

<u>Timeframe for completion:</u> 24 months from the week following the date of the Gateway Determination (being 8 August 2013). This timeframe was extended for a further six months on 9 August 2013, therefore making the deadline 9 February 2014.

Current Status:

The specialist studies for the proposal which were undertaken by the proponent took longer than anticipated. There were a number of issues that required detailed consideration, namely drainage/flooding, traffic and flora and fauna, which extended the timeframe for the studies. Council is awaiting comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage on the Flood Study and expects to receive these by 22 January 2014. Council is currently preparing the maps and is also in discussions with the proponent regarding an appropriate mechanism for the protection of Cumberland Plain Woodland on the subject site.

These issues will need to be finalised prior to the Planning Proposal being resubmitted to the Department for approval to exhibit. Accordingly it is unlikely that there will be sufficient time to undertake the above tasks, community consultation, a report to Council and mapping finalisation to complete the proposal before February 9 2014.

### Expected timeline for completion:

Project detail	Timeframe	Timeline
Resolution of outstanding matters and updating of Planning Proposal	1 month	14 February 2014
Review by DP&I prior to Public Exhibition	6 weeks	28 March 2014
Public Exhibition including preparation	6 weeks	9 May 2014
Timeframe for consideration of submissions and report to Council	2 months	21July 2014
Timeframe for preparation of final maps including any amendments	6 weeks	Early September 2014
Anticipated date Council will forward to the Department for notification	8 weeks (from exhibition)	Mid-September 2014
Anticipated date the Plan will be made	6 weeks	Late October 2014

## Requested Gateway Extension:

In view of the above, Council requests an extension of 9 months (until 9 November 2014) to complete the planning proposal.

## Council Contact

Should you have any questions regarding this planning proposal please contact Karl Fetterplace, Strategic Planner direct on phone (02) 4677 8285 or via e-mail at <u>karl.fetterplace@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au</u>.

## Thirlmere Way, Tahmoor (PP\_2013\_WOLLY\_001\_00)

<u>Gateway Determination:</u> 28 March 2013

<u>Timeframe for completion:</u> 12 months from the week following the date of the Gateway Determination (4 April 2013).

#### Current Status:

The public exhibition for the planning proposal was held in November/December 2013 but a number of government authorities provided late submissions in January due to the Xmas/New Year break. The Office of Environment and Heritage have raised some concerns with regards to the Aboriginal Cultural study and these are being addressed. A submission is also expected from the Heritage Council. Due to the reporting timeframe for Council's Ordinary meetings, the planning proposal will be unable to be reported to the February meeting and there will be insufficient time to finalise the planning proposal to meet the Gateway deadline after the March meeting.

## Expected timeline for completion:

Project detail	Timeframe	Timeline
Timeframe for consideration of submissions and report to Council	2 months	Mid March 2014
Timeframe for preparation of final maps including any amendments	1 month	Mid April 2014
Anticipated date Council will make the plan	6 weeks	June 2014
Anticipated date Council will forward to the Department for notification	6 weeks	June 2014

## **Requested Gateway Extension:**

In view of the above, Council requests an extension of 3 months (until 1 July 2014) to complete the planning proposal.

## Council Contact

Should you have any questions regarding this planning proposal please contact Kitty Carter, Senior Strategic Planner direct on phone (02) 4677 8230 or via e-mail at kitty.carter@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me direct on phone (02) 4677 1138 or via e-mail at <u>david.smith@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours faithfully

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