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Reference: REZ2019/0002
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Dear Mr Gray

Planning Proposal – Function Centres in Rural Zones (REZ2019/0002)

Council, at its Meeting held on 26 February 2019 resolved to support a planning proposal to allow function centres as a permissible use in the RU1 and RU2 zones in addition to a specific clause in the LEP. In support of these LEP changes, it is proposed to exhibit DCP changes alongside to provide clarity to community members around what Council will consider when determining applications for Function Centres.

The full Council resolution in respect of this matter is as follows:

1. *Endorse the attached Planning Proposal to allow function centres in the RU1 and RU2 zones as permissible uses with consent.*
2. *Forward the Planning Proposal to the Department of Planning and Environment requesting a Gateway Determination, pursuant to Section 3.34(1) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*
3. *Advise the Department of Planning and Environment that it will accept any plan making delegations that may be offered to Council.*
4. *Publicly exhibit the Draft Rural Zones Development Control Plan amendment in relation to function centres (Appendix 6 of the draft Planning Proposal) concurrent with the Planning Proposal, following the receipt of a Gateway Determination to proceed, for a period of 28 days.*

The planning proposal document is enclosed and outlines the proposal in greater detail.

Enclosed with this letter are the following:

- Planning proposal document entitled *Planning Proposal – Function Centres in Rural Zones*
- Completed Attachment 1 – Information checklist
- Completed Attachment 4 – Evaluation criteria for the delegation of plan making function
- 26 February 2019 Council Meeting minutes.

Council now requests that the Department give consideration to the issue of a Gateway determination.

Please contact me on 6643 0255 or maya.dougherty@clarence.nsw.gov.au if you require any further information (Monday to Wednesday).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Dougherty', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Maya Dougherty
Strategic Planner**