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Mr Peter Jackson General Manager Hawkesbury City Council PO Box 146 Windsor NSW 2756

Attention: Karu Wijayasinghe

Dear Mr Jackson

## Planning proposal to amend Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 – 1420 Kurmond Road, Kurmond

I am writing in response to your Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for the above planning proposal.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the attached Gateway determination.

I have also agreed that the proposal's inconsistencies with Section 117 Directions 1.2 Rural Zones, 3.4 Integrating Land Use and Transport and 4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils are of minor significance. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions. Please note that consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service must be undertaken in order to satisfy Section 117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection.

I note that Council has requested delegation of the Minister's plan making functions for this planning proposal. It is considered appropriate to delegate these functions to Council in this instance, and attached is a Written Authorisation to exercise delegation. Council is to complete the evaluation criteria to exercise delegation and provide a copy to the regional office prior to commencing exhibition, and complete Attachment 5 Delegation of Plan Making Reporting before finalising the Plan.

The amending Local Environmental Plan is to be finalised within nine (9) months of the week following the date of the Gateway determination. Council should commence exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request to draft and finalise the Plan should be made directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office 6 weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be sent to the Department for administrative purposes.

The State Government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete Local Environmental Plans by tailoring the process to the complexity of the proposal, and by providing clear and transparent justification for each plan at an early stage. To meet these commitments, the Minister may take action under section 54(2)(d) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* if the time frames in this determination are not met.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Chris Browne of the Metropolitan Region (Parramatta) office of the Department on 02 9860 1108.

Yours sincerely,

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## Gateway Determination

## Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP\_2015\_HAWKE\_002\_00): 1420 Kurmond Road, Kurmond

I, the Acting General Manager, Metropolitan at the Department of Planning and Environment as delegate of the Minister for Planning, have determined under section 56(2) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* that an amendment to Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 2012 to facilitate rural residential subdivision of land at 1420 Kurmond Road, Kurmond, should proceed subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Prior to exhibition, the planning proposal should be updated to include a discussion regarding its consistency with 'A Plan for Growing Sydney' which was adopted by the State Government in December 2014.
- 2. Council is to consult with the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service as per the requirements of S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council is to amend the planning proposal, if necessary, to take into consideration any comments prior to the commencement of public exhibition.
- 3. Consultation is required with the following public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979:* 
  - a. NSW Rural Fire Service;
  - b. NSW Office of Environment and Heritage;
  - c. Endeavour Energy;
  - d. Transport for NSW Roads and Maritime Services; and
  - e. Greater Sydney Local Land Services.
- 4. Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* as follows:
  - (a) the planning proposal must be made publicly available for a minimum of **14 days**; and
  - (b) the relevant planning authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in Section 5.5.2 of *A Guide to Preparing Local Environmental Plans (Department of Planning & Infrastructure 2013).*
- 5. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 56(2)(e) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).
- 6. The timeframe for completing the Local Environmental Plan is to be **nine (9) months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

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Simon Manoski A/General Manager, Metropolitan Region Planning Services Department of Planning and Environment Delegate of the Minister for Planning