Planning Proposal

Panorama Court Rylstone – Rural Residential

To rezone the subject lots, 1 2 3 and 4 of DP837670 from 1(c1) Rural Small Holdings - Rural Retreat to 1(c) Rural Small Holdings - Rural Residential, to facilitate the further subdivision and development of the land for residential purposes.

Mid-Western Regional Council



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RELEVANT PLANNING AUTHORITY DETAILS

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INTRODUCTION

The site is located adjacent to the northern boundary of the rural village of Rylstone and is accessed via an unsealed road, Panorama Court. The subject site is 41.3 Ha and is comprised of four allotments, 1, 2, 3 and 4 of DP 837670, being 9.23Ha, 9.23Ha, 13.68Ha and 9.16Ha respectively. The allotments were created pursuant to a spot rezoning and subdivision application in the mid 1990's and lawful dwellings have been subsequently erected on each allotment serviced by reticulated power. Provisions for onsite water supply and sewerage disposal have been made in association with the dwellings. Reticulated water and sewer is not currently connected to the land.

PART 1 - OBJECTIVES AND INTENDED OUTCOMES

The purpose of this planning proposal relating to Lots 1-4 DP 837670 is to reduce the current minimum lot size (mls) from 10 Ha to 2 Ha where reticulated water is connected as part of the subdivision or 4 Ha where services are not available, which will reasonably facilitate the creation of a additional 4 to 15 rural residential lots.

The best method to achieve this will require the rezoning privately owned land being 1, 2, 3 and 4 of DP 837670 - Panorama Court Rylstone, currently zoned 1(c1) Rural Small Holdings - Rural Retreat (mls 10 Ha) to 1(c) Rural Small Holdings - Rural Residential (mls 2 Ha) to facilitate further subdivision of the land for residential purposes in a manner consistent with the capability of the land.

PART 2 - EXPLANATION OF PROVISIONS

Amendment of the Rylstone LEP 1996 Map in accordance with Figure 2 and amend the provisions of clause 16 - Development of certain lands within zone 1(c) to stipulate a minimum lot size for lots 1- 4 DP 837670 of 4Ha where proposed allotments are unserviced and 2Ha where reticulated water is to be connected to the newly created allotments.

PART 3 - JUSTIFICATION

3A - NEED FOR THE PLANNING PROPOSAL

3A(1) Is the planning proposal a result of any strategic study or report?

No - The site is the subject of a spot rezoning request. Notwithstanding the site has been identified as an opportunity for future large lot residential development in the Draft Mid-Western Regional Comprehensive Land Use Strategy (CLUS) (refer to Figure 4 of Appendix 1). It is noted that the Draft CLUS has been publicly exhibited however is yet to be finally endorsed by Council or the Department of Planning.

Section 3.1.3 of draft CLUS - Greenfield residential subdivision, Rylstone, Future low density large lot residential land supply of the Draft CLUS superficially addresses the provision of large lot residential land supply however, the subject site is noted to be a logical short term development opportunity as it alleviates the need to identify new development areas and will in effect provide a good variety of residential uses for Rylstone. The Draft CLUS assumes an annual demand for vacant residential allotments of 3 lots per annum, based on this figure the strategy indicates that subject site has a capacity for 5 year supply of housing sites. In this regard the strategy assumed a minimum lot size of 2Ha however, given the lack of reticulated water and sewerage services a minimum lot size of 4Ha is recommended by this Proposal. Where reticulated water can be made available to proposed allotments it is considered reasonable for the mls to revert to 2Ha. Part A - Introduction and Background of the Draft CLUS elaborates upon residential lot demand further in Section 9.2.3 where it is anticipated that the number of readily available residential allotments may reduce to 4 within the next 5 years. It is anticipated that an additional 24 lots will be required to be created in the short to medium term to prevent an occurrence of shortage.

The site is approximately 1.75 kilometres by road from the Rylstone commercial main street and given this proximity and the trend for increased demand for large lot

residential lots throughout the LGA, it is considered that the Proposal is likely to act as an adjunct to residential land supply in Rylstone. A review of existing large lot opportunities (land presently zoned 1(c)) as depicted in Figure 1 revealed approximately 5-6 allotments readily available for development. There is an existing zoned parcel approximately 31Ha in area which could be legitimately subdivided with consent however, at present this land is not available to the market. The current Proposal is considered to be a logical short term addition to the market within the area by providing additional diversified housing opportunities in proximity to Rylstone that will provide a buffer to near to medium term land shortages without creating an immediate oversupply of large lot residential zoned land.

3A(2). Is the planning proposal the best means of achieving the objectives or intended outcomes, or is there a better way?

Yes. The planning proposal is the best means for achieving the intended outcome as it is consistent with the Draft CLUS. If this proposal does not proceed at this time, consideration could be given to rezoning the land via Council's Comprehensive Local Environmental Plan which is to comply with the Standard Instrument. It is expected that the Comprehensive LEP will be made in 2011.

3A(3) Is there a net community benefit?

Yes. The proposed rezoning seeks to make available additional housing opportunities in the vicinity of Rylstone thus creating diversity in the existing available land stock. The proposal is in keeping with the public interest as the housing opportunities will be provided in a location that takes advantages of existing services and will not place an undue pressure on hard and soft public infrastructure. A Net Community Benefit Analysis based on the Draft Centres Policy, has been included as an attachment to this Proposal (refer to appendix 4).

3B - RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK.

3B(1) Is the planning proposal consistent with the objectives and actions contained within the applicable regional or sub-regional strategy (including the Sydney Metropolitan Strategy and exhibited draft strategies)?

There are no applicable regional or sub-regional applicable in this instance

3B(2) Is the planning proposal consistent with the local council's Community Strategic Plan, or other local strategic plan?

Yes. The land has been identified in the Draft CLUS which has been publicly exhibited and is currently awaiting endorsement, as being a short term opportunity for large lot residential development. In this regard the site has been identified as being potentially suitable for meeting the demand for large lot (>2Ha allotments) residential developments within the next five years.

3B(3) Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable state environmental planning policies?

Yes. The planning proposal is consistent with the applicable State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP's). An analysis of the applicable SEPP's is included in appendix 2. In this instance elaboration on the following SEPP's is considered to be relevant.

State Environmental Planning Policy 44 - Koala Habitat Protection (SEPP 44)

This SEPP requires a council listed within schedule 1 of the SEPP to survey the extent of potential and core koala habitat within the Local Government Area (LGA) and amongst other things, so zone any core habitat with an environmental conservation zone. The subject site is located within the former Rylstone Shire Council LGA which is listed within the schedule. The land has not been identified as being core koala habitat therefore the proposed rural small holdings – rural residential zone does not conflict with the SEPP.

State Environmental Planning Policy 55 - Remediation of Land (SEPP 55)

This planning proposal involves the potential intensification of residential development on the subject land. The anticipated increase in density is considered to be relatively minor and the risk of contaminating activities being carried out on the site is low however, agriculture is an activity that has previously and is currently an activity that does not require development consent, accordingly council does not have complete knowledge with regard to wether potentially contaminating activities (as described by the Planning Guidelines – SEPP 55) have been carried out on the site. In order to be consistent with the SEPP the planning authority should consider a preliminary investigation of the site and if appropriate a detailed investigation prior rezoning the land. In this instance it is reasonable to undertake a preliminary investigation after the gateway determination.

3B(4) Is the planning proposal consistent with applicable Ministerial Directions (s.117 directions)?

This planning proposal is consistent with the relevant Ministerial Directions. An analysis of the applicable Directions is included as an attachment (refer to appendix 3).

S117 Direction 1.5 - Rural Zones

The proposal involves the rezoning of land that is presently within a rural zone therefore the provisions of this direction apply. In accordance with this direction a planning proposal to be consistent with the Rural Planning Principles and the Rural Subdivision Principles listed in the State Environmental Planning Policy – Rural Lands (Rural Lands SEPP).

Rural Planning Principles:

(a) the promotion and protection of opportunities for current and potential productive and sustainable economic activities in rural areas,

The current planning proposal seeks to intensify the density of development within an existing Rural Small Holdings zone that is located adjacent to the town of Rylstone. The site is considered to be of low production value in terms of land capability and very low agricultural value in terms of suitability. In this regard it is considered appropriate to support the modest increase in density proposed rather than accommodate the demand for rural lifestyle allotments in areas that presently support viable agricultural production. The proposal serves to protect current and future activities in rural areas and is therefore consistent with this principle.

(b) recognition of the importance of rural lands and agriculture and the changing nature of agriculture and of trends, demands and issues in agriculture in the area, region or State,

The subject site is minor in nature and is unlikely to affect the ongoing operation of production or the ability of that production to respond to the changing nature of agriculture in the locality.

(c) recognition of the significance of rural land uses to the State and rural communities, including the social and economic benefits of rural land use and development,

The proposal recognises the significance of rural land uses and production by accommodating demand for rural lifestyle opportunities in a manner that will limit the impact of residential development on existing and potential production.

(d) in planning for rural lands, to balance the social, economic and environmental interests of the community,

As previously mentioned the proposal seeks to make available additional housing opportunities by doing so, create diversity in the existing land stock available in the vicinity of Rylstone. The proposal is in keeping with the public interest as the housing opportunities will be provided in a location that takes advantage of existing services and will not place an undue pressure on hard and soft public infrastructure. There are no known items of ecological, European or Aboriginal heritage significance located on the site.

(e) the identification and protection of natural resources, having regard to maintaining biodiversity, the protection of native vegetation, the importance of water resources and avoiding constrained land,

The preliminary investigation of the site did not reveal any items of ecological significance. The proposed mls has been set to reduce pressure on water resources in the instances where reticulated services can not be made available to the land.

(f) the provision of opportunities for rural lifestyle, settlement and housing that contribute to the social and economic welfare of rural communities,

A net community benefit analysis has been carried out in relation to the proposal (refer to appendix 4) the results of which indicate the proposal is likely to have a positive impact on those matters specified in this principle.

(g) the consideration of impacts on services and infrastructure and appropriate location when providing for rural housing,

The aforementioned net community benefit analysis indicates that the proposal will have an acceptable impact on infrastructure and services.

(h) ensuring consistency with any applicable regional strategy of the Department of Planning or any applicable local strategy endorsed by the Director-General.

The proposal is generally consistent with the Draft Mid-Western Comprehensive Land Use Strategy which although yet to be endorsed by the Director-General, has been the subject of public exhibition.

Rural Subdivision Principles:

(a) the minimisation of rural land fragmentation,

The proposal will not result in an undesired fragmentation of rural land

(b) the minimisation of rural land use conflicts, particularly between residential land uses and other rural land uses,

The proposal is consistent with the existing character of the location and is not likely to introduce or facilitate the introduction of uses that would lead to land use conflict.

(c) the consideration of the nature of existing agricultural holdings and the existing and planned future supply of rural residential land when considering lot sizes for rural lands,

The proposal is consistent with the provisions of the Draft CLUS as exhibited in terms of the proposed mls. In this regard the mls proposed has been determined as a function of the capability of the land and the availability of reticulated services. The planning proposal does not affect land beyond the subject site and will therefore not have a general affect on mls within the rural zones.

(d) the consideration of the natural and physical constraints and opportunities of land,

The preliminary investigation indicates the land will support further development for rural residential purposes.

(e) ensuring that planning for dwelling opportunities takes account of those constraints.

The Rylstone Local Environmental Plan 1996 makes it requisite for a consent authority to consider the matters specified in this principle prior to approving a subdivision within the proposed zone. Any further development of the land facilitated by this proposal would be subject to these considerations.

S117 Direction 4.4 - Planning for Bushfire Protection

Following the gateway determination the relevant planning authority must consult with the NSW Rural Fire service in accordance with Ministerial Direction 4.4 – Planning for Bushfire Protection. Prior to this consultation it will be necessary to conduct a bushfire hazard assessment which has regard to Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006, and the relevant Ministerial Direction.

S117 Direction 6.3 - Site Specific Provisions

This planning proposal proposes to implement a development standard that is not presently contained within the instrument being amended. In this regard a mls of 4Ha is proposed which is reducible to 2Ha upon the provision of reticulated services, the existing mls for the zone is 2Ha. It is noted that via the provisions of clause 16 of the Rylstone LEP a disparate mls is specified for certain 1(c) zoned land which reflects the character and capability of the relevant land. In this regard it is considered that the mechanics by which different mls's can be specified within a zone exist within the instrument already. Notwithstanding the proposed variable mls is commensurate with the capability of the site and is minor in nature.

3C - ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT.

The site is considered to be generally suitable for the intended purpose however, the following potential impacts have been identified as being relevant to the Proposal. It is considered that the impacts can be addressed appropriately either through the Planning Proposal process or by subsequent assessment of any development applications that are facilitated by the rezoning.

3C(1) Is there any likelihood that critical habitat or threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats, will be adversely affected as a result of the proposal?

No. No known critical habitats or threatened species have been identified on the site.

3C(2) Are there any other likely environmental effects as a result of the planning proposal and how are they proposed to be managed?

Bushfire

The site is identified as being bushfire prone land, accordingly further consultation with the relevant Commissioner is required by the Minister's Directions issued pursuant to S117 of the Act. A preliminary assessment of the site has been conducted in the terms of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006, and it is considered that scope exists for the provision of dwellings that would comply with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006.

Infrastructure

The subject land is connected to reticulated electricity. It is noted that the Kandos substation that services the surrounding district is nearing capacity and will require augmentation prior to any significant expansion of development within the area. Whilst it is anticipated that the servicing of four additional allotments would not be beyond the scope of the reticulated power networks, consultation with Integral Energy would be essential as part of the Planning Proposal process.

Reticulated water and sewer services are not available to site and on-site provision would be relied upon. In this regard any future drainage work would require approval pursuant to the Local Government Act, 1993 at which time the adequacy of the proposed system could be assessed. It is noted that Council has no record of malfunction, contamination or runoff quality degradation associated with the existing systems located within the site. Council provides filling stations within Rylstone whereby residents can access the reticulated water supply when on-site storages diminish. A mls of 4Ha is proposed to reduce the demand for on-site water and sewerage disposal within the area however, where services can be made available and subject to further consideration of the likely environmental impacts a mls of 2Ha would be applicable.

Visual Amenity

The subject site is relatively elevated in comparison to the adjacent village zone and therefore development on the land has the potential to impact visual amenity. A preliminary assessment of the likely visual impact of potential subsequent development suggests that the land while elevated does not form part of a significant vista or view corridor from the village zone or major public open spaces. In addition to this, the relatively low density of development will reduce the potential for visual intrusion into the viewscape.

Stormwater Management and Flooding

The site generally slopes to the south and east with runoff tending toward the Cudgegong River. Subject to avoiding construction within drainage lines, the allotments and potential allotments generally possess sites that would be suitable for construction from a flooding and drainage perspective. The land is described as being degraded grassland with shallow soils and rock outcrops. Undue disturbance of the land could lead to a reduction in runoff water quality. While this issue is recognised appropriate sediment controls could be required through the development assessment process.

Services

The town of Rylstone has two General Practitioners and a multi-use medical facility/hospital and the site would be serviced by ambulance for emergencies. All levels of schooling are available either in Rylstone or Kandos. Rylstone has an established commercial centre which contains a number of essential services such as banking and post office in additional to more social pursuits such as clubs and cafes. It is considered that these services have sufficient capacity to deal with any additional demand resulting from this Proposal.

Traffic

The proposed rezoning would facilitate the subdivision of each respective allotment for the creation of a total of 4 to 15 vacant allotments. The maximum density of development would involve a dual occupancy erected on all lots totaling 16 dwellings. The existing road network is sufficient to cope with the maximum potential development. Panorama Court is presently unsealed however, has a maintained formation. Any sealing works would be addressed by applicable Council Policy at such time that a development application for the subdivision of land is considered.

Telecommunications

Existing network lines have been laid within the Panorama Ct road reserve that could be utilized to service any future development.

3C(3) How has the planning proposal adequately addressed any social and economic effects?

The subject site has no known Aboriginal or European heritage sites or artifacts that would be affected by this proposal. The proposed rezoning and subsequent development would be in keeping with the existing and emerging land uses within the locality.

3D - STATE AND COMMONWEALTH INTERESTS.

3D(1) Is there adequate public infrastructure for the planning proposal

Yes. The additional demand for public infrastructure and services generated by the creation of 4 to 15 additional allotments is unlikely to exceed the capacity of any existing or future services. The overall demand has not exceeded five dwellings per annum for the Rylstone/Kandos area so it is unlikely that the proposal will have an undue cumulative affect on service provision if existing zoned land yet to be developed was delivered to market in addition to the proposal. The proposal would require the extension of the reticulated power network however; this would be at the cost of any future developer. Section 94 contributions would be payable upon the creation of any new allotments to contribute to the ongoing provision of community services and infrastructure.

3D(2) What are the views of State and Commonwealth public authorities consulted in accordance with the gateway determination, and have they resulted in any variations to the planning proposal?

Consultation will be carried out in accordance with the gateway determination and all submissions considered and the proposal will be varied accordingly or submitted for assessment. It is anticipated that the following agencies, authorities and NGO's would be consulted.

- o Integral Energy
- NSW DECCW
- Hunter Central Rivers CMA
- o Central West CMA
- NSW Department of Industry & Investment Minerals & Agriculture

PART 4 - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The proposal will significantly alter the land use of the site and it is considered appropriate to apply the recommended community consultation for 'All other planning proposals' which would include the following:

- An exhibition period of 28 days commencing on the date that a notice of exhibition is printed in the local news press
- Advertising in the local newspaper at the start of the exhibition period
- Advertising on Council's website for the duration of the exhibition period
- Notification of adjoining and adjacent property owners by way of written notification.

Political Disclosure Statement

A political donations disclosure statement shall be submitted to comply with the provisions S147(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 prior to the submission of this planning proposal to the Minister or Director-General.

Appendix 1



- Figure 1 Location Map
- Figure 2 Proposed Zoning
- Figure 3 Aerial View
- Figure 4 Town structure Plan



Figure 1 – Location Map Depicting Existing Land Use Zones

This map is a representation of the information currently held by Mid-Western Regional Council. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the product, Council accepts no responsibility for any errors or omissions.

surrounding land. Note the identification of existing land zoned 1(c) Rural Small Holdings - Rural Residential



Figure 2 – Proposed Zoning of the Subject Site





Figure 3 – Aerial View of the Subject Site

Disclaimer This map has been created for the purpose of showing basic locality information over Mid-Western Regional Council. Property boundary line network data is supplied by Department of Lands.

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NORTH

Areas depicted are for the respective allotments of Deposited Plan 837670. Dwelling Houses and various associated outbuildings lawfully exist on each allotment.



Figure 4 – Rylstone Town Structure Plan (extract from draft Mid-Western CLUS)





Appendix 2

State Environmental Planning Policy Analysis ,

State Environmental Planning Policy	Relevant	Consistent	Comment
State Environmental Planning Policy No 1-			The application of this SEPP to the land will
Development Standards	No	N/A	be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy No 4			
State Environmental Planning Policy No 4—			
Development Without Consent and Miscellaneous			The application of this SEPP to the land will
Exempt and Complying Development	No	N/A	be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy No 6—Number	and the second sec		The application of this SEPP to the land will
of Storeys in a Building	No	N/A	be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy No 14—Coastal	14000		
Wetlands	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 15-Rural			
Landsharing Communities	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 19-	-	norma c	
Bushland in Urban Areas	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 21-Caravan			
Parks	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 22-Shops			
and Commercial Premises	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 26—Littoral			
Rainforests	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 29-Western			
Sydney Recreation Area	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 30-			
Intensive Agriculture	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 32—Urban			
Consolidation (Redevelopment of Urban Land)	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 33-			
Hazardous and Offensive Development	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 36-			
Manufactured Home Estates	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 39-Spit			
Island Bird Habitat	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 41-Casino			
Entertainment Complex	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 44-Koala			
Habitat Protection	Yes	Yes	Refer to part 3b(3) of the report.
State Environmental Planning Policy No 47-Moore			
Park Showground	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 50-Canal			
Estate Development	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 52-Farm			
Dams and Other Works in Land and Water			
Management Plan Areas	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 53—	110	1071	
Metropolitan Residential Development	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 55—	110		
Remediation of Land	Yes	Yes	Pafar to part $2h(2)$ of the report
	105	105	Refer to part 3b(3) of the report.
State Environmental Planning Policy No 59-Central			
Western Sydney Regional Open Space and Residential	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 60—Exempt	1.0	1.0.1 1	The application of this CEDD to the log 1 - 'll
and Complying Development	No	N/A	The application of this SEPP to the land will be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy No 62—	110	IN/A	oc unanceled by this Flamming Proposal.
Sustainable Aquaculture	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 64—	110	11/71	
Advertising and Signage	No	N/A	The application of this SEPP to the land will
ravertising and orginage	No	N/A	be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.

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State Environmental Planning Policy No 65—Design			
Quality of Residential Flat Development	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 70—Affordable Housing (Revised Schemes)	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy No 71—Coastal Protection	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Affordable Rental Housing) 2009	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004	No	N/A	The application of this SEPP to the land will be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008	No	N/A	The application of this SEPP to the land will be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004	No	N/A	The application of this SEPP to the land will be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007	Yes	N/A	The application of this SEPP to the land will be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Kosciuszko National Park—Alpine Resorts) 2007	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Development) 2005	No	N/A	The application of this SEPP to the land will be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007	No	N/A	The application of this SEPP to the land will be unaffected by this Planning Proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008	Yes	Yes	Direction 1.5 - Rural Lands issued by the Minister pursuant to S117 of the Act requires certain planning proposals to be consistent with the Rural Planning Principles contained within this SEPP. Consideration of these principles is a function of Direction 1.5 and is elaborated upon in the relevant part of the planning proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006	No	N/A	pranning proposal.
State Environmental Planning Policy (Temporary Structures and Places of Public Entertainment) 2007	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009	No	N/A	
State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Parklands) 2009	No	N/A	



Appendix 3

S117 Ministerial Directions Analysis

	Direction	Applicable (PP)	Consistent	Comment
1	Employment and Resources			
1.1	Business and Industrial Zones	Yes	Yes	
1.2	Rural Zones	Yes	Yes	
12	Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries	Vez	N	The proposal is not located on any known coal or mineral reserves. The Director General of the DPI will be consulted following the gateway determination in accordance with the S117
1.3		Yes	Yes	Direction
1.4	Oyster Aquaculture	No	N/A	
1.5	Rural Lands	Yes	Yes	The proposal is consistent with the principles of the Rural SEPP in particular 7(f)
2	Environment and Heritage			
2.1	Environment Protection Zones	Yes	Yes	
2.2	Coastal Protection	No	N/A	
2.3	Heritage Conservation	Yes	Yes	
2.4	Recreation Vehicle Areas	Yes	N/A	
3	Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development			
3.1	Residential Zones	No	N/A	
	Caravan Parks and Manufactured			
3.2	Home Estates	No	N/A	
3.3	Home Occupations	Yes	Yes	
3.4	Integrating Land Use and Transport	No	N/A	
	Development Near Licensed	110		
3.5	Aerodromes	No	N/A	
4	Hazard and Risk			
4.1	Acid Sulfate Soils	No	N/A	
4.2	Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land	No	N/A	
4.2	Flood Prone Land	No	N/A	
4.4	Planning for Bushfire Protection	Yes	ТВА	Further assessment will be required in addition to consultation with the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service after the gateway determination and prior to community consultation.
5	Regional Planning			
5.1	Implementation of Regional Strategies	No	N/A	
5.2	Sydney Drinking Water Catchments	No	N/A	
5.3	Farmland of State and Regional Significance on the NSW Far North Coast	No	N/A	
	Commercial and Retail Development			
5.4	along the Pacific Highway, North Coast	No	N/A	
5.4	Development in the vicinity of Ellalong,	110		
5.5	Paxton and Millfield (Cessnock LGA)	No	N/A	
	Sydney to Canberra Corridor (Revoked 10 July 2008. See amended Direction 5.1)	22.25	10 - 10-10	
5.6	<i>i</i>	No	N/A	
5.7	Central Coast (Revoked 10 July 2008. See amended Direction 5.1) Second Sydney Airport: Badgerys			
5.8	Creek	No	N/A	
6	Local Plan Making	140	17/7	
		Vee	N	
6.1	Approval and Referral Requirements	Yes	Yes	
6.2	Reserving Land for Public Purposes	Yes	Yes	
6.3	Site Specific Provisions	Yes	Yes	
7	Metropolitan Planning			
7.1	Implementation of the Metropolitan Strategy	No	N/A	



Appendix 4

Net Community Benefit Analysis

Is there a net community benefit?

A net community benefit arises where the sum of all the benefits of a rezoning outweigh the sum of all costs. This 'net community benefit' test has been based on the test contained within the Department's "draft Centres Policy: Planning for Retail & Commercial Development".

EVALUATION CRITERIA (extract from the draft Centres Policy: Planning for Retail & Commercial Development):

1. Will the LEP be compatible with agreed State and regional strategic direction for development in the area (eg land release, strategic corridors, development within 800 metres of a transit node)?

There are no applicable State or Regional strategic directions for development.

2. Is the LEP located in a global/regional city, strategic centre or corridor nominated within the Metropolitan Strategy or other regional/subregional strategy?

No.

3. Is the LEP likely to create a precedent or create or change the expectations of the landowner or other landholders?

No. The proposal seeks to rezone land identified in the Draft Mid-Western Regional Comprehensive Land Use Strategy as exhibited as being suitable for such purposes.

4. Have the cumulative effects of other spot rezoning proposals in the locality been considered?

Yes. There are no other spot rezonings currently under consideration in the locality.

5. What was the outcome of these considerations?

N/A

6. Will the LEP facilitate a permanent employment generating activity or result in a loss of employment lands?

The proposal does not include the creation of employment lands. The proposal will not result in a loss of employment lands.

7. Will the LEP impact upon the supply of residential land and therefore housing supply and affordability?

Yes. The current Proposal is considered to be a logical short term addition to the market within the area by providing additional diversified housing opportunities in proximity to Rylstone that will provide a buffer to near to medium term land shortages without creating an immediate oversupply of large lot residential zoned land.

8. Is the existing public infrastructure (roads, rail, utilities) capable of servicing the proposed site?

The proposal generally seeks to take advantage of existing services where available. Where services are not provided the density is such that on-site provision will be appropriate. 9. Is there good pedestrian and cycling access?

N/A

10. Is public transport currently available or is there infrastructure capacity to support future public transport?

No. Given the nature of the site it is considered that public transport opportunities is not a relevant consideration. Notwithstanding public school transport is available within the locality.

11. Will the proposal result in changes to the car distances travelled by customers, employees and suppliers? If so, what are the likely impacts in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, operating costs and road safety?

While the proposal is adjacent to the urban area of Rylstone it is considered that the travel distance to the main commercial centre being less than 2km represents a relatively compact urban form given the density proposed. The existing road capacity is considered adequate for the proposal.

12. Are there significant Government investments in infrastructure or services in the area whose patronage will be affected by the proposal? If so, what is the expected impact?

No.

13. Will the proposal impact on land that the Government has identified a need to protect (e.g. land with high biodiversity values) or have other environmental impacts? Is the land constrained by environmental factors such as flooding?

No

14. Will the LEP be compatible/complementary with surrounding land uses? What is the impact on amenity in the location and wider community?

Yes. The likely density and character of the development would be compatibly with the surrounding land uses. The likely impact on amenity and the public domain would be negligible.

15. Will the public domain improve?

The proposal is unlikely to improve the public domain as the provision of public works or areas are not proposed nor ameliorate an existing condition of blight. The nature of the proposed development would be unlikely to adversely affect the public domain.

16. Will the proposal increase choice and competition by increasing the number of retail and commercial premises operating in the area?

N/A

17. If a stand-alone proposal and not a centre, does the proposal have the potential to develop into a centre in the future?

No.

18. What are the public interest reasons for preparing the draft plan? What are the implications of not proceeding at that time?

The proposal seeks to improve the capacity and diversity of the land market in the locality of Rylstone. The Draft CLUS has identified the site as being a logical contribution to the land market in the short term. The implications of not proceeding is firstly limiting the diversity of housing opportunities in the immediate term and a potential short fall of housing opportunities in the short term if alternate opportunities were not taken up by other developers.