



Planning & Environment

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Port Macquarie Hastings Council
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Our ref: 14/16245
Your ref: PP2014.6.1

Attention: Steve Schwartz

Dear Mr Swift-McNair

Planning proposal to amend Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Environmental Plan 2011

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 22 September 2014 requesting a Gateway determination under section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") in respect of the planning proposal to undertake minor zoning changes and associated lot size and land reservation changes in the Thrumster urban release area, Port Macquarie.

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

I have also agreed the planning proposal's inconsistencies with S117 Directions 1.1 Business and Industrial Zones and 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes are of minor significance. In relation to S117 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes, I have agreed to the alteration of land for public purposes on the basis that no overall reduction in public open space serving the Thrumster release area will result. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Department's Secretary to comply with the requirements of S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made.

Plan making powers were delegated to councils by the Minister in October 2012. It is noted that Council has requested to be issued with delegation for this planning proposal. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have decided to issue an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this plan.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 12 months of the week following the date of the Gateway determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request to draft and finalise the LEP should be made directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office 6 weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for administrative purposes.

The State Government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete LEPs by tailoring the steps in the process to the complexity of the proposal, and by providing clear and publicly available justification for each plan at an early stage. In order to meet these commitments, the Minister may take action under section 54(2)(d) of the EP&A Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, I have arranged for Mr Craig Diss of the Department's regional office to assist you. Mr Diss can be contacted on (02) 6701 9685.

Yours sincerely

 26 September 2014
Stephen Murray
General Manager, Northern Region
Planning Services

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Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP_2014_PORTM_003_00): to undertake minor zoning changes and associated lot size and land reservation changes in the Thrumster urban release area, Port Macquarie.

I, the General Manager, Northern Region at the Department of Planning and Environment as delegate of the Minister for Planning, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011 to undertake minor zoning changes and associated lot size and land reservation changes in the Thrumster urban release area, Port Macquarie should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Council is to include in the public exhibition material an amended site identification map that includes the land proposed to be rezoned from R5 Large Lot Residential to R1 General Residential in the Partridge Creek precinct, together with lot size and land reservation maps consistent with the Department's technical requirements.
2. Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal is classified as low impact as described in *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning and Environment 2013)* and 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 LEPs (Department of Planning and Environment 2013)*.
3. Consultation is required with the NSW Rural Fire Service under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act. The NSW Rural Fire Service is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material, and given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal.
4. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 56(2)(e) of the EP&A Act. 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).
5. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **12 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated **26** day of **SEPTEMBER** 2014.



Stephen Murray
General Manager, Northern Region
Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment

Delegate of the Minister for Planning



WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council is authorised to exercise the functions of the Minister for Planning under section 59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* that are delegated to it by instrument of delegation dated 14 October 2012, in relation to the following planning proposal:

Number	Name
PP_2014_PORTM_003_00	Planning proposal to undertake minor zoning changes and associated lot size and land reservation changes in the Thrumster urban release area, Port Macquarie

In exercising the Minister's functions under section 59, the Council must comply with the Department of Planning and Environment's "*A guide to preparing local environmental plans*" and "*A guide to preparing planning proposals*".

Dated 26 September 2014

Stephen Murray
General Manager, Northern Region
Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment

Attachment 5 – Delegated plan making reporting template

Reporting template for delegated LEP amendments

Notes:

- Planning proposal number will be provided by the department following receipt of the planning proposal
- The department will fill in the details of Tables 1 and 3
- RPA is to fill in details for Table 2
- If the planning proposal is exhibited more than once, the RPA should add additional rows to **Table 2** to include this information
- The RPA must notify the relevant contact officer in the regional office in writing of the dates as they occur to ensure the department's publicly accessible LEP Tracking System is kept up to date
- A copy of this completed report must be provided to the department with the RPA's request to have the LEP notified

Table 1 – To be completed by the department

Stage	Date/Details
Planning Proposal Number	PP_2014_PORTM_003_00
Date Sent to Department under s56	22 September 2014
Date considered at LEP Review Panel	N/A
Gateway determination date	26 September 2014

Table 2 – To be completed by the RPA

Stage	Date/Details	Notified Reg Off
Dates draft LEP exhibited		
Date of public hearing (if held)		
Date sent to PCO seeking Opinion		
Date Opinion received		
Date Council Resolved to Adopt LEP		
Date LEP made by GM (or other) under delegation		
Date sent to DP&I requesting notification		

Table 3 – To be completed by the department

Stage	Date/Details
Notification Date and details	

Additional relevant information: No additional information