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Dear Ms Jeremy

**Planning proposal PP\_2018\_BELLI\_001\_00 to amend Bellingen Local Environmental Plan 2010**

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to amend Item 12 of Schedule 1 in the Bellingen Local Environmental Plan 2010 and remove the time limit to facilitate the construction of a dwelling house on proposed Lot 2, 54 Wollumbin Drive, Urunga.

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

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistencies with section 9.1 Directions 1.5 Rural Lands, 2.1 Environmental Protection Zones, 2.2 Coastal Management and 4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils are justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Department of Planning and Environment's Secretary to comply with the requirements of section 9.1 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made.

It is noted that Council has requested to be authorised as the local plan-making authority. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have conditioned the Gateway for Council to be authorised as the local plan-making authority.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 9 months of 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.

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 3.32(2)(d) of the Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Melissa Thomson to assist you. Ms Thomson can be contacted on 6701 9686.

Yours sincerely



17-9-2018

**Jeremy Gray**  
**Director Regions, Northern**  
**Planning Services**

Encl: Gateway determination  
Authorised plan-making reporting template