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Our ref: PP_2015_RICHM_003_00(15/16552)

Dear Mr Walker

Planning proposal to amend Richmond Valley Local Environmental Plan 2012

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 10 November 2015 requesting a Gateway determination under section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to correct zoning errors in Evans Head, Busbys Flat and Broadwater.

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, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistency with S117 Direction 1.1 Business and Industrial Zone is of minor significance. No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

In relation to S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection, Council is to consult with the NSW Rural Fire Service and amend the planning proposal (if necessary) to take into consideration any comments prior to undertaking exhibition of the planning proposal. Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Department's Secretary to comply with this Direction. 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 6 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's Northern Region office 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 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 Ms Katrina Burbidge of the Department's regional office to assist you. Ms Burbidge can be contacted on (02) 6641 6606.

Yours sincerely

 26 November 2015
Stephen Murray
General Manager, Northern Region
Planning Services

Encl:
Gateway Determination
Written Authorisation to Exercise Delegation
Attachment 5 – Delegated Plan Making Reporting Template

Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP_2015_RICHM_003_00): to correct zoning errors in Evans Head (Lot 475 DP755624), Busbys Flat (Lot 11 DP777379) and the Broadwater National Park.

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 *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) that an amendment to the Richmond Valley Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 to correct zoning errors in Evans Head, Busbys Flat and Broadwater should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the Act as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal is classified as low impact as described in *A Guide to Preparing LEPs* (Department of Planning and Infrastructure 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 Infrastructure 2013).
2. Consultation is required with the following public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the Act and/or to comply with the requirements of relevant S117 Directions:
 - Office of the Environment and Heritage (National Parks and Wildlife Service); and
 - NSW Rural Fire Service (S 117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection).

Each public authority 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.

3. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 56(2)(e) of the 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).



4. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **6 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated *26th* day of *NOVEMBER* 2015


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

Delegate of the Minister for Planning



WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Richmond Valley 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_2015_RICHM_003_00	Planning proposal to correct zoning errors in Evans Head (Lot 475 DP755624), Busbys Flat (Lot 11 DP777379) and the Broadwater National Park.

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 November 2015

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

Delegate of the Minister for Planning

Attachment 5 – Delegated plan making reporting template

Reporting template for delegated LEP amendments

Notes:

- Planning proposal number will be provided by the Department of Planning and Environment following receipt of the planning proposal
- The Department of Planning and Environment 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 publicly accessible LEP Tracking System is kept up to date
- A copy of this completed report must be provided to the Department of Planning and Environment with the RPA's request to have the LEP notified

Table 1 – To be completed by Department of Planning and Environment

Stage	Date/Details
Planning Proposal Number	PP_2015_RICHM_003_00
Date Sent to DoP&E under s56	11 November 2015
Date considered at LEP Review Panel	
Gateway determination date	26 November 2015

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 DoP&E requesting notification		

Table 3 – To be completed by Department of Planning and Environment

Stage	Date/Details
Notification Date and details	

Additional relevant information: