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Our ref: PP_2013_CLARE_007_00 (11/17504)
Your ref: Palmers Island PP

Dear Mr Greensill,

Planning proposal to amend Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan 2011

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 27 November 2013 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 rezone land from RU1 Primary Production to RU2 Rural Landscape and E3 Environmental Management to facilitate the development of a caravan park and protect riparian land adjacent to the Clarence River.

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

Council is encouraged to consider extending the proposed E3 Environmental Management zone to additional riverfront land in order to protect riparian land subject to riverbank erosion adjacent to the Clarence River.

I have also agreed the planning proposal's inconsistencies with S117 Directions 1.2 Rural Zones, 1.5 Rural Lands, 4.3 Flood Prone Land and 5.1 Implementation of Regional Strategies are of minor significance. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

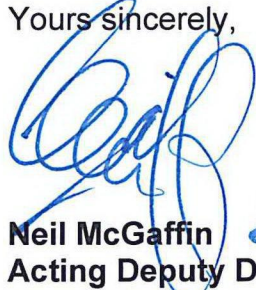
The Minister delegated his plan making powers to councils in October 2012. It is noted that Council has now accepted this delegation. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have decided to issue an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this plan.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 9 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 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 Ms Denise Wright of the Department's regional office to assist you. Ms Wright can be contacted on (02) 6641 6600.

Yours sincerely,



Neil McGaffin 23.12.13
Acting Deputy Director General
Growth Planning & Delivery

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Gateway Determination

Written Authorisation to Exercise Delegation

Attachment 5 – Delegated Plan Making Reporting Template

Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP_2013_CLARE_007_00): to rezone land to RU2 Rural Landscape and E3 Environmental Management.

I, the Acting Deputy Director General, Growth Planning and Delivery at the Department of Planning and Infrastructure as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Clarence Valley Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011 to rezone land from RU1 Primary Production to RU2 Rural Landscape and E3 Environmental Management to facilitate the development of a caravan park and protect riparian land adjacent to the Clarence River should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. 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 must be made publicly available for a minimum of **28 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 & Infrastructure 2013)*.
2. Consultation is required with the following public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act:
 - NSW Aboriginal Land Council
 - Office of Environment and Heritage
 - NSW Department of Primary Industries – Agriculture
 - NSW Department of Primary Industries – Fishing & Aquaculture
 - Transport for NSW – Roads and Maritime Services
 - State Emergency Services

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. Prior to community consultation, Council is to consult State Emergency Services on the flood risk management plan and flood evacuation plan. Council is to include the response and comments from State Emergency Services with the planning proposal for public exhibition purposes.
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 **9 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 23rd day of December 2013.



Neil McGaffin
Acting Deputy Director General
Growth Planning & Delivery

**Delegate of the Minister for Planning
and Infrastructure**

WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

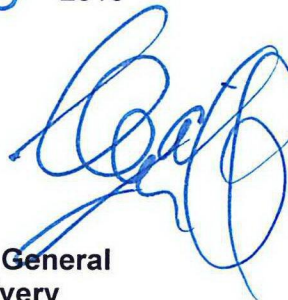
Clarence Valley Council is authorised to exercise the functions of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure under section 59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* that are delegated to it by instrument of delegation dated 14 October 2012, in relation to the following planning proposal:

Number	Name
PP_2013_CLARE_007_00	Planning proposal to rezone land from RU1 Primary Production to RU2 Rural Landscape and E3 Environmental Management to facilitate the development of a caravan park and protect riparian land adjacent to the Clarence River.

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

Dated 23 December 2013

Neil McGaffin
Acting Deputy Director General
Growth Planning & Delivery
Planning Operations & Regional Delivery



23.12.13

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_2013_CLARE_007_00
Date Sent to Department under s56	28.11.2013
Date considered at LEP Review Panel	12.12.2013
Gateway determination date	23.12.2013

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: