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Mr Robert Campbell General Manager Gunnedah Shire Council PO Box 63 GUNNEDAH NSW 2380 Our ref: PP\_2010\_GUNNE\_001\_00 (10/07066)

Your ref: Carolyn Hunt

Dear Mr Campbell,

Re: Planning Proposal to reduce the minimum permitted lot size for 263 Stock Road, Gunnedah

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 12 March 2010 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 amend the Gunnedah Local Environmental Plan 1998 to reduce the minimum permitted lot size for Lot 4 DP 1124589, 263 Stock Road, Gunnedah.

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

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 6 months of the week following the date of the Gateway Determination.

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 s54(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, please contact Jon Stone of the Regional Office of the Department on 02 6701 9689.

Yours sincerely,

**Tom Gellibrand** 

**Deputy Director General** 

Plan Making & Urban Renewal



## **Gateway Determination**

**Planning Proposal (Department Ref: PP\_2010\_GUNNE\_001\_00)**: to reduce the minimum permitted lot size for Lot 4 DP 1124589, 263 Stock Road, Gunnedah, from 6000m<sup>2</sup> (with a lot average of 1.2 hectares) to 3000m<sup>2</sup> for rural residential development.

I, the Deputy Director General, Plan Making & Urban Renewal as delegate of the Minister for Planning, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Gunnedah Local Environmental Plan1998 to reduce the minimum permitted lot size for Lot 4 DP 1124589, 263 Stock Road, Gunnedah, from 6000m<sup>2</sup> (with a lot average of 1.2 hectares) to 3000m<sup>2</sup> for rural residential development 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 is classified as low impact as described in *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning 2009)* and must be made publicly available for **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 4.5 of *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning 2009)*.
- Consultation is required with the following public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act:
  - NSW Rural Fire Service

Each public authority is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material. Each public authority is to be given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal, or to indicate that they will require additional time to comment on the proposal. Public authorities may request additional information or additional matters to be addressed in the planning proposal.

- 3. No public hearing is required to be held into the matter under section 56(2)(e) of the EP&A Act. This does not have any bearing on the need to conduct a public hearing under the provisions of any other legislation.
- The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be 6 months from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated

20th day of April

2010.

Tom Gellibrand
Deputy Director General
Plan Making & Urban Renewal
Delegate of the Minister for Planning