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Dear Mr McMahon,

Planning proposal to amend Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 2011

I am writing in response to Council's letter dated 12 March 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 certain land on the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital site at Thirlmere Way, Thirlmere for environmental and private recreation purposes, amend the zone name for part of the land to SP2 Infrastructure (Health Services Facility and Seniors Housing), amend the lot size and building height controls for the land, identify 'Harmony House' as a local heritage item and amend the natural resources biodiversity and water maps.

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.

I have also agreed the planning proposal's inconsistency with S117 Direction 6.3 Site Specific Provisions is of minor significance. No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

Council may still need to obtain the concurrence of the Director General to comply with the requirements of relevant S117 Directions. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made.

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 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 for administrative purposes.

The NSW 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 Mato Prskalo of the regional office of the department on 02 9860 1560.

Yours sincerely,



Neil McGaffin
Executive Director
Rural and Regional Planning

26.3.13

Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP_2013_WOLLY_003_00): to make various amendments to Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 2011.

I, the Executive Director, Rural and Regional Planning 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 Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011 to rezone certain land on the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital site at Thirlmere Way, Thirlmere for environmental and private recreation purposes, amend the zone name for part of the land to SP2 Infrastructure (Health Services Facility and Seniors Housing), amend the lot size and building height controls for the land, identify 'Harmony House' as a local heritage item and amend the natural resources biodiversity and water maps should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to undertaking public exhibition, Council is to amend the project timeline within the planning proposal to reflect the 12 month timeframe allocated for completing the LEP.
2. Council should ensure that all mapping is at an appropriate scale and clearly identifies the subject site. Council is to ensure the proposed Land Zoning Map clearly shows the location of land proposed to be rezoned E3 Environmental Management.
3. Council is to demonstrate that the planning proposal satisfies the requirements of State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 55 – Remediation of Land. Council is to prepare an initial site contamination investigation report to demonstrate that the site is suitable for rezoning to the proposed zone. This report is to be included as part of the public exhibition material.
4. Additional information regarding the below matters is to be placed on public exhibition with the planning proposal:
 - Flora, fauna and habitats
 - Geotechnical
 - Surface and groundwater
 - Bushfire hazard management
 - Aboriginal places and items of significance and European heritage
 - Rural land uses, scenic quality and setting
 - Transport and movement
 - Capacity of infrastructure, services and facilities (taking into consideration SEPP Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability 2004).

Once this information is provided and Council has consulted with public authorities, consistency with S117 Directions 2.1 Environmental Protection Zones, 2.3 Heritage Conservation, 3.1 Residential Zones, 3.4 Integrating Land Use and Transport and 4.3 Flood Prone Land can be determined.

5. 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 2012).

6. Consultation is required with the following public authorities or organisations under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act and/or to comply with the requirements of or demonstrate consistency with relevant S117 Directions:
- Hawkesbury – Nepean Catchment Management Authority
 - Office of Environment and Heritage (S117 Direction 2.1 Environment Protection Zones)
 - Department of Trade and Investment – Mineral Resources and Energy (S117 Direction 1.3 Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries)
 - NSW Rural Fire Service (S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection)
 - Transport for NSW - Roads and Maritime Services
 - Mine Subsidence Board (S117 Direction 4.2 Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land)
 - Endeavour Energy
 - Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (if required)
 - Sydney Water
 - Fire and Rescue NSW
 - Disability Council of NSW

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.

7. 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).
8. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **12 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 26th day of March 2013.



Neil McGaffin
Executive Director
Rural and Regional Planning
Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Delegate of the Minister for Planning and
Infrastructure



WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Wollondilly Shire 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_WOLLY_003_00	Planning proposal to rezone certain land on the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital site at Thirlmere Way, Thirlmere for environmental and private recreation purposes, amend the zone name for part of the land to SP2 Infrastructure (Health Services Facility and Seniors Housing), amend the lot size and building height controls for the land, identify 'Harmony House' as a local heritage item and amend the natural resources biodiversity and water maps.

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

Dated 26 March 2013

Neil McGaffin
Executive Director
Rural and Regional Planning
Department of Planning and Infrastructure

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_WOLLY_003_00
Date Sent to Department under s56	12/03/2013
Date considered at LEP Review Panel	21/03/2013
Gateway determination date	26/03/2013

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: