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Dear Mr Hickey

Conversion of Ballina LEP 1987 (Amendment No 105) to a Planning Proposal for Cumbalum - Precinct A Urban Release Area

I refer to your letter dated 29 October 2010 requesting that this draft plan be converted into a planning proposal pursuant to clause 12 of the EP&A Regulations and clause 122(2) of Schedule 6 of the EP&A Act.

I note Council's request that the Cumbalum release area be considered as two separate planning proposals (Precincts A and B). I have agreed that two separate proposals can proceed and this advice relates to Precinct A.

I am writing to notify you that I have determined (as delegate of the Director General) under clause 12(2) of the Regulations that the former LEP plan making provisions cease to apply to the draft LEP. The current provisions of Part 3 of the Act now apply.

Furthermore I have, as the delegate for the Minister for Planning, determined under clause 122(2) of Schedule 6 of the Act to dispense with the conditions precedent prior to section 57(1) of the Act for the making of this draft LEP.

Council will note that this will require the Director General to be satisfied that the summary (the material to be exhibited) provides sufficient details for community consultation, including consultation with relevant State agencies prior to exhibition (section 57(2)). In this regard, Council should continue to prepare the supporting studies to enable the matter to progress. The community consultation period is to be 28 days.

Council is required to finalise the LEP within nine (9) months of the week following the date of this letter. Council's request for the Department to draft and finalise the LEP should be made six (6) weeks prior to the projected publication date.

As delegate of the Director General, I have agreed that the draft plan's inconsistencies with section 117 directions 1.2, 1.5, 3.4 and 5.3 are justified in the circumstances.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Jenny Vallis of the Northern Region Office on 02 6641 6606

Yours sincerely

Tom Gellibrand 12/11/10

Deputy Director General

Plan Making and Urban Renewal

(as delegate of the Minister and Director-General)