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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Growth Planning & Delivery

PLANNING PROPOSAL PP 2013 PORTM 009 00 GATEWAY DETERMINATION EXTENSION

PURPOSE

- To recommend the Minister's delegate alter the Gateway Determination for PP_2013_PORTM_009_00.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Minister's delegate:

- agree pursuant to s56(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, to amend the Gateway Determination to extend the time to complete the Planning Proposal PP_2013_PORTM_009_00 by a further three months; and
- sign the letter to Council (**Tag A**).

CURRENT POSITION

- Council has prepared a Planning Proposal to permit eco-tourist facilities in certain zones and include additional local provisions to facilitate eco-tourist facilities being appropriate in scale to their location.
- The Gateway on 6 November 2013 determined that the proposal should proceed subject to consultation with relevant public authorities and public exhibition (**Tag B**).
- The Gateway Determination required that the Planning Proposal be finalised in six months from the week following the date of the Gateway Determination expiring on 13 May 2014.
- The Council has requested that the period to complete the proposal be extended for a further three months (**Tag C**).
- Council is unable to complete the proposal within the specified time frame due to the concerns raised by the Department of Primary Industries – Minerals and Petroleum, which although now adequately addressed, has delayed public exhibition.
- Council indicates that public exhibition is now planned, although the planning proposal may not be finalised by the due date.
- An extension of three months, until 13 August 2014, is considered acceptable to allow finalisation of the planning proposal.

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 17 February 2014
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Our ref: 13/17942

Dear Mr Swift-McNair

Planning Proposal PP_2013_PORTM_009_00 – Gateway Determination extension

I refer to your request on 11 February 2014 seeking an extension of time to complete the Planning Proposal PP_2013_PORTM_009_00, to permit eco-tourist facilities in certain zones and include additional local provisions to facilitate eco-tourist facilities being appropriate in scale to their location.

I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 56(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, to amend the Gateway Determination dated 6 November 2013 for PP_2013_PORTM_009_00.

The Gateway Determination is amended by extending the time for the completion of the Planning Proposal by an additional three months. The Planning Proposal is now due for completion by 13 August 2014.

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 to directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office six weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the department for administrative purposes.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Jim Clark of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Grafton Planning Team on 6641 6604.

Yours sincerely

 17 February 2014
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