

Mr M Coulter General Manager Nambucca Shire Council PO Box 177 MACKSVILLE NSW 2447 Our ref: PP\_2013\_NAMBU\_004\_00 (13/12845)

Your ref: SF 1541

Dear Mr Coulter

#### Planning proposal to amend Nambucca Local Environmental Plan 2010

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 29 July 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 amend the Nambucca LEP 2010 to enable boundary adjustment subdivision of rural and environmental zoned land.

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 to consult with the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service prior to undertaking community consultation and take into account any comments made as per the requirements of S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Director General to comply with the requirements of the 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 6 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.

Please find attached a model boundary adjustment clause, approved by Parliamentary Counsel, to assist Council in the further processing of the planning proposal

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Denise Wright of the regional office of the department on 02 6641 6603.

6 August 2013

Yours sincerely

Stephen Murray Regional Director

Northern Region

# 1 Boundary changes between lots in certain rural, residential and environment protection zones (d01.06)

(1) The objective of this clause is to permit the boundary between 2 or more lots to be altered in certain circumstances, to give landowners a greater opportunity to achieve the objectives of a zone.

#### Drafting direction for subclause (1).

A Council may choose to restrict the application of this clause to just 2 adjoining lots by omitting "or more" from subclauses (1) and (3).

- (2) This clause applies to land in any of the following zones:
  - (a) Zone RU1 Primary Production,
  - (b) Zone RU2 Rural Landscape,
  - (c) Zone RU3 Forestry,
  - (d) Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots,
  - (e) Zone RU6 Transition,
  - (f) Zone R5 Large Lot Residential,
  - (g) Zone E1 National Parks and Nature Reserves,
  - (h) Zone E2 Environmental Conservation,
  - (i) Zone E3 Environmental Management,
  - (j) Zone E4 Environmental Living.

#### Drafting direction for subclause (2).

If any of the above rural, residential or environment protection zones are not used in the Plan they should be omitted from subclause (2).

- (3) Despite clause 4.1 (3), development consent may be granted to the subdivision of 2 or more adjoining lots, being land to which this clause applies, if the subdivision will not result in any of the following:
  - (a) an increase in the number of lots,
  - (b) an increase in the number of dwellings on, or dwellings that may be erected on, any of the lots.

#### Drafting direction for subclause (3).

If the intention is to permit secondary dwellings or dual occupancies as well as dwelling houses, then the specific types of dwellings for which the clause is to apply should be included in the appropriate places.

(4) Before determining a development application for the subdivision of land under this clause, the consent authority must consider the following:

- (a) the existing uses and approved uses of other land in the vicinity of the subdivision,
- (b) whether or not the subdivision is likely to have a significant impact on land uses that are likely to be preferred and the predominant land uses in the vicinity of the development,
- (c) whether or not the subdivision is likely to be incompatible with a use referred to in paragraph (a) or (b),
- (d) whether or not the subdivision is likely to be incompatible with a use on land in any adjoining zone,
- (e) any measures proposed by the applicant to avoid or minimise any incompatibility referred to in paragraph (c) or (d),
- (f) whether or not the subdivision is appropriate having regard to the natural and physical constraints affecting the land,
- (g) whether or not the subdivision is likely to have an adverse impact on the environmental values or agricultural viability of the land.
- (5) This clause does not apply:
  - (a) in relation to the subdivision of individual lots in a strata plan or a community title scheme, or
  - (b) if the subdivision would create a lot that could itself be subdivided in accordance with clause 4.1.



## Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP\_2013\_NAMBU\_004\_00): to amend the Nambucca LEP 2010 to enable boundary adjustment subdivision of RU1 Primary Production, RU2 Rural Landscape, R5 Large Lot Residential and E3 Environmental Management zoned land.

I, the Regional Director, Northern Region 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 Nambucca Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2010 to enable boundary adjustment subdivision of RU1 Primary Production, RU2 Rural Landscape, R5 Large Lot Residential and E3 Environmental Management zoned land, should proceed subject to the following conditions:

- Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the 1... 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 & Infrastructure 2013) and must be made publicly available for a minimum of 14 days; and
  - the relevant planning authority must comply with the notice requirements for (b) 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).
- Consultation is required with the NSW Rural Fire Service under section 56(2)(d) of the 2. EP&A Act to comply with the requirements of S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. The NSW Rural Fire Service 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.
- A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under 3. 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).
- The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be 6 months from the week following the 4. date of the Gateway determination.

Dated

6th day of August

2013.

Stephen Murray Regional Director Northern Region

**Department of Planning and Infrastructure** 

Delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure



#### WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Nambucca 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_NAMBU_004_00	Planning proposal to amend the Nambucca LEP 2010 to enable boundary adjustment subdivision of RU1 Primary Production, RU2 Rural Landscape, R5 Large Lot Residential and E3 Environmental Management zoned land.

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 6th August 2013

Stephen Murray Regional Director Northern Region

**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

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Stage	Date/Details	
Planning Proposal Number	PP_2013_NAMBU_004_00	
Date Sent to Department under s56	29/07/2013	
Date considered at LEP Review	N/A	
Panel (if applicable)		
Gateway determination date	06/08/2013	

Table 2 - To be completed by the RPA

Stage	Date/Details	Notified Reg Off
Dates draft LEP exhibited		
Date of public hearing (if held)	N N	
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

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Stage	Date/Details
Notification Date and details	

#### Additional relevant information: