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Mr Craig Swift-McNair General Manager Port Macquarie Hastings Council PO Box 84 PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444

Attention: Leanne Fuller

Dear Mr Swift-McNair

Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Environmental Plan 2011 (Amendment No 24)

I refer to Council's correspondence dated 28 October 2014 requesting the Secretary's agreement to the planning proposal's inconsistency with S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. The planning proposal seeks to rezone land at Fernbank Creek Rd, Fernbank Creek from RU1 Primary Production to part SP3 Tourist and part for environmental protection purposes.

I am pleased to advise that as the Secretary's delegate, I have agreed to the planning proposal's inconsistency with S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, I have arranged for Craig Diss, of the Department's Northern Regional Office to assist you. Mr Diss can be contacted on telephone number (02) 6701 9685.

Yours sincerely

29 October 2014 Stephen Murray

General Manager, Northern Region Planning Services