

9 April 2013

Your ref:

Our ref: A12/5794

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Team Leader, Northern Region
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Amendment No 1 to Armidale Dumaresq LEP 2012

Dear Craig

At its meeting of 17 December 2012, Council considered a report on a Planning Proposal to amend the Armidale Dumaresq Local Environmental Plan 2012 (LEP 2012).

Council Minute No: 351/12 resolved:

- (a) *That Planning Proposal Amendment No.1 in relation to various heritage and mapping issues be noted and that the prepared documentation be forwarded for assessment under the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Gateway determination process, in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.*
- (b) *That the heritage studies supporting Planning Proposal Amendment No.1 also be forwarded to the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage for endorsement.*

In relation to part (b) of Council's resolution, the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage was contacted and has advised that they do not have a formal process for endorsing studies.

Consequently the heritage studies supporting the Planning Proposal have not been endorsed by the Office of Environment and Heritage, and therefore, Council will not be seeking delegations to use its plan making functions.

The Planning Proposal for Amendment No 1 includes the following matters:

- 49 archaeological heritage items to be included in Schedule 5 – Part 3 Archaeological sites of LEP 2012
- two 'built' items that were identified in the Archaeological Management Plan for Armidale to be included in Schedule 5 – Part 1 Heritage items
- 14 significant trees items to be included in Schedule 5 – Part 1 Heritage items
- a request to remove one item from Schedule 5 – Part 1 Heritage items (the item being a tree that is dead and has been removed).

Please contact Jenny Campbell on (02) 6770 3931 by email at jcampbell@armidale.nsw.gov.au if you have any enquiries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Stephen Gow

Director Sustainability and Strategic Planning

Encl:

- Attachment 1 – DPI Guidelines for preparing planning proposal, Attachment 1: Information Checklist
- Attachment 2 – Draft Heritage Items Map
- Attachment 3 – Heritage Inventory Sheets for proposed Archaeological items
- Attachment 4 – Heritage Inventory Sheets for proposed Significant trees items
- Attachment 5 – Heritage Inventory Sheets for proposed Heritage Items
- Attachment 6 – Heritage Inventory Sheet for Himalayan Cedar Tree (item to be removed)