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Attention: Cara Stoltenberg

Dear Mr Todd

Planning proposal PP_2018_NARRB_002_00 to amend Narrabri Local Environmental Plan 2018

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) and additional information received on 4 September 2018 in respect of the planning proposal to reclassify land at 52-64 Belar Street, Bellata, and 6 Doyle Street, Narrabri, from Community to Operational.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistency with section 9.1 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. In relation to section 9.1 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes, I have agreed to the reduction of land for public purposes on the basis that the reclassification is being undertaken to allow the better utilisation of the land in the future and that existing public open space will not be reduced as a result. No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

I have considered Council's request to be the local plan-making authority and have determined not to condition the Gateway for Council to be the local plan-making authority as the Governor's approval is required for the proposed extinguishment of interests.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 12 months of the date of the Gateway determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request for the Department of Planning and Environment to draft and finalise the LEP should be made 8 weeks prior to the projected publication date.

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 3.32(2)(d) of the Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Davis to assist you. Ms Davis can be contacted on 6701 9687.

Yours sincerely



5-9-2018

Jeremy Gray
Director Regions, Northern
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Encl: Gateway determination