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Dear Steve

**Planning proposal PP\_2020\_COFFS\_002\_00 to amend Coffs Harbour Local Environmental Plan 2013**

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) in respect of the planning proposal to implement the recommendations of the Woolgoolga Town Centre Masterplan in relation to land zoning and height of buildings and undertake housekeeping amendments.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, 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 inconsistencies with section 9.1 Directions 1.1 Business and Industrial Zones, 2.2 Coastal Management, 2.3 Heritage Conservation, 3.1 Residential Zones, 3.4 Integrating Land Use and Transport, 4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils and 4.3 Flood Prone Land are justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of relevant section 9.1 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to public exhibition / the plan being made.

It is noted that Council has requested to be authorised as the local plan-making authority. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have conditioned the Gateway for Council to be authorised as the local plan-making authority.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised within twelve 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 to draft and finalise the LEP should be made 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 of Planning, Industry and Environment.

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 enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Lucy Walker to assist you. Ms Walker can be contacted on 5778 1402.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gray', is positioned above the printed name and title.

16-7-2020

**Jeremy Gray**  
**Director, Northern Region**  
**Local and Regional Planning**

Encl: Gateway determination  
Authorised plan-making reporting template