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Dear Mr Bennett

Planning Proposal PP_2018_TAMWO_001_00 to amend Tamworth Regional Local Environmental Plan 2010

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under Section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) and additional information received on 16 January 2018 in respect of the Planning Proposal to reclassify part of Hyman Park, South Tamworth from Community land to Operational land and discharge the public reserve status of the land.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, I have now determined the Planning Proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the attached Gateway determination.

Council will need to seek the agreement of the Secretary to the Planning Proposal's inconsistency with Section 117 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes once further justification has been provided. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the LEP being made.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 9 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 54(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 Mr Jon Stone to assist you. Mr Stone can be contacted on 6701 9688.

Yours sincerely



2-2-2018

Jeremy Gray
Director Regions, Northern
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Encl: Gateway Determination