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

Dear Mr Swift-McNair

Planning Proposal PP_2017_PORTM_007_00

I refer to your correspondence of 9 January 2018 requesting the Secretary's agreement that inconsistency of the above proposal with section 117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection is justified.

I have considered this matter, and as a delegate of the Secretary, I have agreed that the inconsistency is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction.

Council can now proceed to finalise the proposal once it receives a Parliamentary Counsel opinion confirming that the LEP can legally be made.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Heidi Naylor to assist you. Ms Naylor can be contacted on 6641 6604.

Yours sincerely

18/01/2018

Jeremy Gray Director Regions, Northern Planning Services