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Dear Mr Gray

PP_2018_KEMPS_001_00 DRAFT KEMPSEY LEP 2013 AMENDMENT NO 23 - VARIOUS LOTS FREDERICKTON

Reference is made to the above Planning Proposal.

On 23 August 2019 Council received confirmation that condition 6 of the Gateway Determination for the above planning proposal had been amended to extend the date for completion to 24 February 2020.

The reasons for the extension of term were to allow for additional studies to be completed prior to agency and community consultation.

Agency and public consultations were completed on 25 June 2019.

Prior to finalising the proposal further investigations were undertaken into the servicing capacity of existing water and sewer infrastructure to meet the additional demand.

These investigations highlighted the constraints the existing sewer scheme places on further development at Frederickton. The investigations highlighted that prior to further development of the Frederickton area, significant infrastructure upgrades to the existing sewerage network and treatment facilities will be required (redirection of sewage to the new Central Kempsey Sewage Treatment Plant site).

The impact the rezoning would have on a sewerage scheme already operating beyond capacity includes increasing risk of system failure and resultant environmental, social, reputational and financial consequences for Council.

At the Ordinary Meeting of 17 December 2019 Council received a report on the outcomes of the public consultation and the further investigations into infrastructure servicing capacity for the proposal.

As a result, Council has resolved not to proceed with the KLEP amendment as follows:

That Council, having considered the existing sewerage scheme capacity at Frederickton, pursuant to clause 3.35 (4) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act request the Minister for Planning that the matter, being KLEP AM 23, not proceed

Please find enclosed copies of the relevant Council Report Item, 9.5 and Minutes.

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