

Mr Paul Hickey General Manager Ballina Shire Council PO Box 450 Ballina NSW 2478

Our ref: PP\_2017\_BALLI\_003\_00 (17/02525)

Your ref: BSCPP 16/003 (17/8054)

Dear Mr Hickey

## Planning proposal to amend Ballina Local Environmental Plan 2012

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 6 February 2017 requesting a Gateway determination under section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to rezone land at Boeing Avenue, Ballina from B5 Business Development to IN1 General Industrial, amend the minimum lot size applicable to the land and enable bulky goods premises as an additional permitted use on 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 may still need to obtain the agreement of the Department's Secretary to comply with the requirements of S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection once consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service has been completed. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 9 months of the week following 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 6 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 queries in regard to this matter, I have arranged for Mr Paul Garnett of the Department's Northern Region office to assist you. Mr Garnett can be contacted on (02) 6641 6607.

Yours sincerely

**Craig Diss** 

**Acting Director Regions, Northern** 

20 February 2017

**Planning Services** 

Encl:

**Gateway Determination** 



## **Gateway Determination**

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP\_2017\_BALLI\_003\_00): to rezone land at Boeing Avenue, Ballina from B5 Business Development to IN1 General Industrial, amend the minimum lot size applicable to the land and enable bulky goods premises as an additional permitted use on the land.

I, the Acting Director Regions, Northern at the Department of Planning and Environment as delegate of the Minister for Planning, have determined under section 56(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) that an amendment to the Ballina Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 to rezone land at Boeing Avenue, Ballina from B5 Business Development to IN1 General Industrial, amend the minimum lot size applicable to the land and enable bulky goods premises as an additional permitted use on the land, should proceed subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the Act as follows:
  - (a) the planning proposal is classified as low impact as described in A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning and Environment 2016) and must be made publicly available for a minimum of **14 days**; and
  - (b) the relevant planning authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 5.5.2 of A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning and Environment 2016).
- 2. Consultation is required with the NSW Rural Fire Service under section 56(2)(d) of the Act. The NSW Rural Fire Service is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material, and given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal.
- 3. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 56(2)(e) of the Act. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).
- 4. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **9 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 20 day of February

2017

Craig Diss
Acting Director Regions, Northern
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**Delegate of the Minister for Planning**