



Our Ref: RZ16003

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Attn: James Shelton

Dear Sir,

Re: PLANNING PROPOSAL TO AMEND MAITLAND LEP 2011 (HOUSEKEEPING 2017) – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF GATEWAY DETERMINATION

The Department of Planning and Environment issued a Gateway Determination for the above planning proposal, ref: $PP_2017_MAITL_002_00$ on 6^{th} April 2017. The determination specified a six (6) month timeframe for the completion of the local environmental plan (LEP). The planning proposal therefore expired in October 2017.

An extension of time is required to complete the LEP. The reasons for the extension request are as follows:

- Due to ongoing staff shortages, Council has not had the resources necessary to progress the planning proposal;
- Given Council's need to prepare a Local Strategic Planning Statement and Community Strategic Plan by June 2020, Council's resources will likely be stretched to the limit over the next 12-18 months.

Accordingly, Council requests an extension of six (6) months in which to complete the LEP.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to me on (02) 4934 9784 or carolynm@maitland.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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