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Mr David Evans
General Manager
Maitland City Council
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Dear Mr Evans,

Re: Planning Proposal to rezone land at New England Highway, East Maitland

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 11 March 2010 requesting a Gateway Determination under section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") in respect of the planning proposal to amend the Maitland Local Environmental Plan 1993 to rezone land at New England Highway, East Maitland.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the attached Gateway Determination.

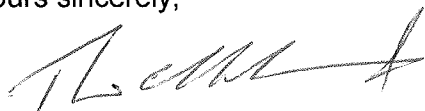
The Department notes that this Planning Proposal is consistent with the Maitland Activity Centres and Employment Cluster Strategy, which supports the role of an enterprise corridor fronting the New England Highway. Council is encouraged to implement this aspect of its strategy via a single further planning proposal to overcome a potential "ad-hoc" approach to the future land uses along this section of the Highway.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 6 months of the week following the date of the Gateway Determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the Planning Proposal within four (4) weeks of the week following this determination. Council's request for the Department to draft and finalise the LEP should be made six (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 s54(2)(d) of the EP&A Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Gary Oakey of the Regional Office of the Department on 02 4904 2700.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Gellibrand
Deputy Director General
Plan Making & Urban Renewal

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Gateway Determination

Planning Proposal (Department Ref: PP_2010_MAITL_001_00): to rezone Lots 4 & 20 DP 32654, Lot 1 DP 155277, Lot A DP 159179 and part Lot 1 DP 1035515 New England Highway, East Maitland from Residential 2(a) to Special Business 3(c).

I, the Deputy Director General, Plan Making & Urban Renewal as delegate of the Minister for Planning, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Maitland Local Environmental Plan 1993 to rezone Lots 4 & 20 DP 32654, Lot 1 DP 155277, Lot A DP 159179 and part Lot 1 DP 1035515 New England Highway, East Maitland from Residential 2(a) to Special Business 3(c) should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal is classified as low impact as described in *A Guide to Preparing LEPs* (Department of Planning 2009) and must be made publicly available for **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 4.5 of *A Guide to Preparing LEPs* (Department of Planning 2009).
2. No consultation is required with public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act.
3. No public hearing is required to be held into the matter under section 56(2)(e) of the EP&A Act. This does not have any bearing on the need to conduct a public hearing under the provisions of any other legislation.
4. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **6 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 20th day of April 2010.



Tom Gellibrand
Deputy Director General
Plan Making & Urban Renewal
Delegate of the Minister for Planning