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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING*Plan Making and Urban Renewal***EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FINALISATION OF CESSNOCK LEP AMENDMENT NO 128 –
CESSNOCK CIVIC****PURPOSE**

- To extend the timeframe for completing a planning proposal (PP) for land in Cessnock, known as 'Cessnock Civic'.

RECOMMENDATION

- That the Deputy Director General Plan Making and Urban Renewal (as delegate of the Minister) under s56(7) of the Act:
 - **alter** the Gateway determination by extending the LEP completion date by 6 months; and
 - **sign** the attached letter, if approved.

CURRENT POSITION

- Cessnock City Council has requested an extension of time for completion of this LEP. Council's request is at **Tag A**.
- The Regional office requested additional information on 28 October 2010. Council provided advice on 17 November 2010 (refer to email at **Tag B**).
- Council advises that there are significant outstanding issues associated with the site.
- The Regional office concurs with Council's assessment of the situation and believes further consideration of the issues, particularly geotechnical instability, needs to be fully addressed prior to the LEP being finalised.
- Council has not nominated a completion date, but it is considered that 6 months would be reasonable to finalise the matter.

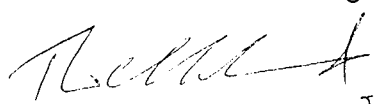
BACKGROUND

- The PP was originally given a 6 month time frame. A copy of the Gateway determination is at **Tag C**.
- The site is situated in a strategic location and represents a logical extension of the Cessnock commercial precinct, notwithstanding the ongoing site constraints.

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Attention: Anne Moore

Dear Ms Rosser,

Planning Proposal - Cessnock LEP Amendment No 128, Cessnock Civic

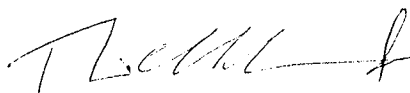
I refer to Council's letter of 26 October 2010 and further email of 17 November 2010 concerning an extension of time to complete the above planning proposal.

I have determined, as delegate of the Minister, under section 56(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to amend the Gateway determination of 30 June 2010 by extending the time for the completion of the planning proposal by six months. The planning proposal is now to be completed by 30 June 2011.

Council's request for the Department to draft and finalise the LEP should be made as soon as possible.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact Mr Gary Freeland of the Department's Newcastle office on 4904 2710.

Yours sincerely



Tom Gellibrand
Deputy Director General
Plan Making and Urban Renewal
(as delegate of the Minister)

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