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Attention: Roger Busby and Rebecca Underwood

Dear Mr Panuccio

**Planning proposal PP\_2018\_MCOAS\_003\_00 to amend Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan 2014.**

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to amend the active street frontages map at Hawks Nest under the Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan 2014.

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

It is noted that Council has requested to be authorised as the local plan-making authority. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have conditioned the Gateway for Council to be authorised as the local plan-making authority.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 3 months of the date of the Gateway determination. As it has been determined that this is a minor amendment, Council is to request Parliamentary Counsel's Office commence drafting the instrument as soon as practicable. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment for administrative purposes.

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 3.32(2)(d) of the Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Trent Wink to assist you. Mr Wink can be contacted on 4904 2716.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. O'Flaherty', is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

**Katrine O'Flaherty**  
**Acting Director Regions, Hunter**  
**Planning Services**

Encl: Gateway determination  
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