



Mr Gary Murphy
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Dear Mr ~~Murphy~~

Planning proposal PP_2016_GOSFO_004_00 – Alteration of Gateway determination

I refer to Council's correspondence concerning the withdrawal of planning proposal PP_2016_GOSFO_004_00 to expand industrial zoned land and provide for environmental protection and management of constrained lands adjoining Somersby Business Park, Somersby.

I have considered Council's advice that it has been unable to reach agreement with landowners to fund the cost of studies to support the rezoning. On this basis I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 3.34(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to alter the Gateway determination dated 27 May 2016 for PP_2016_GOSFO_004_00 to not proceed.

Council's resolution to discontinue the proposal suggests it would have resulted in only a 'marginal' increase in employment land. However, the planning proposal submitted by Council for Gateway determination in 2016 indicated approximately 20 hectares of employment land from this site and quoted a figure of 66 jobs per hectare from existing employment land in the then Gosford local government area. The provision of land for potentially over 1000 jobs in a well-located site is not considered to be a marginal increase.

The Central Coast Regional Leadership Executive has recognised the need for coordinated effort to capitalise on the competitive advantage of the region's two key interchanges and ensure surrounding areas are optimised for business growth and employment. I urge Council to support this initiative and to work with the Department and other agencies to ensure opportunities for employment growth on the Central Coast are taken.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Mr Glenn Hornal to assist you. Mr Hornal can be contacted on 4345 4409.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "S".

4/9/2018

Greg Sullivan
Director Operations
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