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Dear Stephen

**Planning proposal PP_2015_SHOAL_002_03 – Alteration of Gateway
Determination**

I refer to your request of 24 February 2020 seeking an extension of time to complete planning proposal PP_2015_SHOAL_002_02, which seeks to rezone land at Nebraska Estate, St Georges Basin for residential development and environmental protection.

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 3 March 2015 (since altered) to allow for a further 12 months in which to finalise the proposal. The Alteration of Gateway determination is enclosed and extends the finalisation date to 4 March 2021.

This additional time will allow Council to resolve biodiversity issues, including the application of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and undertake public consultation before finalising the planning proposal.

The Department requests Council to provide a revised project timeframe outlining the significant milestones to complete the LEP amendment by 4 March 2021. As the timeframe for the proposal has already been extended on a number of occasions, the Department may be reluctant to grant further extensions.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Ms Lisa Kennedy to assist you. Ms Kennedy can be contacted on 4247 1827.

Yours sincerely

16 March 2020

Sarah Lees
Director Southern Region
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Encl: Alteration of Gateway Determination