PP-2021-124/IRF21/140



Mr Eric Groth General Manager Gunnedah Shire Council 63 Elgin Street GUNNEDAH NSW 2380

Dear Mr Groth

Planning proposal PP-2021-124 to amend Gunnedah Local Environmental Plan 2012

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) and additional information received on 15 January 2021 in respect of the planning proposal to include a caravan park as an additional permitted use on Lots 15, 16, 17 and 19 Sec 21 DP 758492, 107-109 Chandos Street, Gunnedah.

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

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistency with section 9.1 Direction 3.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of relevant section 9.1 Directions 1.5 Rural Lands and 4.3 Flood Prone Land. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made / finalised.

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 six months of the date of the Gateway determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request to draft and finalise the LEP should be made directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office six weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

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 enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Laura Oakley to assist you. Ms Oakley can be contacted on 6643 6401.

Yours sincerely

15/2/2021

Jeremy Gray Director, Northern Region Local and Regional Planning

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