

Mr Jeremy Bath
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Dear Mr Bath

Planning proposal PP_2018_NEWCA_015_00 to amend Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012

I refer 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 make variations to the existing Heritage Conservation Areas of Cooks Hill, Hamilton South Garden Suburb, and The Hill.

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 note Council's previous request that it not be the local plan-making authority and have conditioned the Gateway accordingly.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 9 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 for the Department of Planning and Environment to draft and finalise the LEP should be made 8 weeks prior to the projected publication date.

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 Ben Holmes to assist you. Mr Holmes can be contacted on 4904 2709.

Yours sincerely



6/5/2019

Monica Gibson
Director Regions, Hunter
Planning Services

Encl: Gateway determination