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Our ref: PP_2014_GLAKE_005-00 (14/15795)
Your ref: SP-PP-19

Att: Peta Stimson

Dear Mr Handford,

Planning Proposal to amend Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan 2014 – Increased Lot Size Smiths Lake and North Arm Cove - PP_2014_GLAKE_005_00

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 15 September 2014 requesting a Gateway determination under section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") in respect of the planning proposal to amend the minimum lot size map for land at Smiths Lakes and North Arm Cove.

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

The Minister delegated plan making powers to councils in October 2012. It is noted that Council has requested to be issued with delegation for this planning proposal. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have decided to issue an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this plan.

It is noted that the planning proposal is the result of an analysis of lot size and slope for Smiths Lake and North Arm Cove. If this analysis is in a report format suitable for community consultation it should be exhibited with the planning proposal.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 6 months of the week following 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 6 weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department 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 54(2)(d) of the EP&A Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Attached for your assistance is a simplified guide to the plan making process and reporting requirements to ensure that the LEP Tracking System is kept updated.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, I have arranged for Dylan Meade from the Hunter office to assist you. Mr Meade can be contacted on (02) 4904 2718.

Yours sincerely,

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2 October 2014

David Rowland
General Manager
Hunter and Central Coast Region
Planning Services

Gateway Determination

Planning Proposal (Department Ref: PP_2014_GLAKE_005_00): to amend the minimum lot size map for land at Smiths Lakes and North Arm Cove.

I, the General Manager, Hunter and Central Coast Region at the Department of Planning and Environment as delegate of the Minister for Planning, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to amend the minimum lot size map for land at Smiths Lakes and North Arm Cove should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") as follows:
 - (a) the planning proposal must be made publicly available for a minimum of **28 days**; and
 - (b) the relevant planning authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 5.5.2 of *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Planning & Infrastructure 2013)*.
2. Consultation is required with the NSW Rural Fire Service under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act in respect of Section 117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. The NSW Rural Fire Service is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material, and given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal.
3. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 56(2)(e) of the EP&A Act. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).
4. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **6 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 2nd day of October 2014.



David Rowland
General Manager
Hunter and Central Coast Region
Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment

Delegate of the Minister for Planning



WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Great Lakes Council is authorised to exercise the functions of the Minister for Planning under section 59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* that are delegated to it by instrument of delegation dated 14 October 2012, in relation to the following planning proposal:

Number	Name
PP_2014_GLAKE_005_00	Planning proposal to amend the minimum lot size map for land at Smiths Lakes and North Arm Cove.

In exercising the Minister's functions under section 59, the Council must comply with the Department's "*A guideline for the preparation of local environmental plans*" and "*A guide to preparing planning proposals*".

Dated 2 October 2014

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David Rowland
General Manager
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