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Dear Mr Handford

Planning Proposal Great Lakes LEP (Amendment No 27) - Gateway Determination Extension

I refer to Council's request for a three (3) year extension of time to complete the Planning Proposal PP_2010_GLAKE_001_00, to rezone land at North Hawks Nest for residential and conservation purposes.

I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 56(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, to amend the Gateway Determination dated 29 June 2010 and the Gateway extension dated 29 August 2012 for PP_2010_GLAKE_001_00.

The Gateway Determination is further amended by extending the time for the completion of the Planning Proposal by an additional eighteen months. The Planning Proposal is now due for completion by 29 December 2014.

In making this decision, I have noted Council's commitment to deliver the planning proposal and the actions Council intends taking to resolve the matter. As you are aware the Planning Proposal has had a long history and two previous gateway extensions have already been granted. A further extension of three years is considered too long and does not provide any certainty that outstanding issues will be resolved in a timely manner. Their current extension will give Council a further 15 months from now to progress and finalise the proposal, which is considered reasonable. I have also asked the Department's Newcastle Office to work with Council to identify various approaches, such as LEP provisions, which may help the plan be finalised.

I strongly encourage Council to complete the planning proposal and related negotiations within the new timeframe and ask that Council provide a project plan to assist in monitoring progress. The project plan is to identify key milestones and the time when completion of each is expected. I also request that Council provide quarterly reports on progress with the planning proposal.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Brian Murphy of the Department's Newcastle Office on (02) 4904 2712.

Yours sincerely

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