

MAITLAND CITY COUNCIL

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30 November 2009

Ms Katrine O'Flaherty
Planning Officer
Dept of Planning - Newcastle Office
PO Box 1226
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Dear Ms O'Flaherty

RE: s.55 - Request for Gateway Determination to amend the Maitland LEP 1993 for the purpose of a new local centre.

At its meeting 24 November 2009, Council resolved:

that In accordance with section 55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Council submit a planning proposal to the Department of Planning to amend the Maitland LEP 1993 for the purpose of a new local centre within the Thornton North urban release area

In accordance with the new plan making requirements, Council has prepared a planning proposed supporting this amendment, addressing all relevant criteria as outlined in the Department's guidelines.

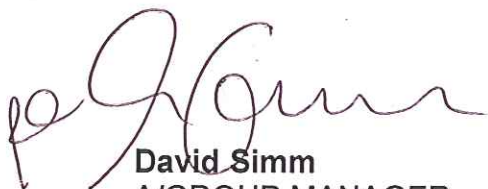
The inclusion of a new local centre at Chisholm is identified in the endorsed Thornton North Structure Plan (December 2003), and represents a rational strategic approach to the future planning of this area. The identified need for a new centre in the adopted structure plan has meant that investigations and background studies factored in the inclusion of a local centre and therefore indicative demands for this use within the planning context for the Thornton North URA have been considered.

The site is zoned for residential purposes and the creation of a local centre is considered by Council to be an appropriate use and critical to the sustainable future of the new residential community in Thornton North.

Therefore, we request that this proposal to amendment the Maitland LEP 1993 for the purpose of a new local centre at Chisholm proceed to a gateway determination.

If you have any questions, or require further information to assist in your assessment of this planning proposal, please contact April McCabe, Strategic Projects Planner on 49349834.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'David Simm', written in a cursive style.

David Simm
A/GROUP MANAGER
SERVICE PLANNING and REGULATION

Encl:	Planning Proposal – Chisholm Local Centre
Cc:	David Hoy – Urbis