



Mr Jeremy Bath  
Chief Executive Officer  
City of Newcastle  
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NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Attn: Tom Smith

Dear Mr Bath

**Planning proposal PP\_2020\_NEWCA\_004\_00 to amend *Newcastle 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) in respect of the planning proposal to make various administrative amendments to Schedule 5 of the *Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012*.

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

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 is to be finalised within nine 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 local environmental plan 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 NSW Government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete local environmental plans 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 Mr Ken Phelan, Planning Officer, Central Coast and Hunter Region to assist you. Mr Phelan can be contacted on 4904 2705.

Yours sincerely

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07/12/2020

**Dan Simpkins**  
**Director, Central Coast and Hunter Region**  
**Planning and Assessment**

Encl: Gateway determination  
Authorised plan-making reporting template