

Ms Lindy Hyam
General Manager
Singleton Council
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Singleton NSW 2330

Our ref: PP_2014_SINGL_002_00 (14/18010)
Your ref: LA2/2013

Att: Gary Pearson

Dear Ms Hyam,

**Planning Proposal to amend Singleton Local Environmental Plan 2013 –
Reclassification of land at 16 Dorsman Drive, Singleton Heights**

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 21 October 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 reclassify land at 16 Dorsman Drive Singleton Heights from 'community' to 'operational'.

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 now accepted this delegation. 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.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 9 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,



10 November 2014

David Rowland
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Gateway Determination

Planning Proposal (Department Ref: PP_2014_SINGL_002_00): to reclassify land at 16 Dorsman Drive Singleton Heights from 'community land' to 'operational land'.

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 Singleton Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013 to reclassify land at 16 Dorsman Drive Singleton Heights from 'community land' to 'operational land' 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. No consultation is required with public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act.
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 **9 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 10th day of November 2014.



David Rowland
General Manager
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Delegate of the Minister for Planning

WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Singleton 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_SINGL_002_00	Planning proposal to reclassify land at 16 Dorsman Drive, Singleton Heights from 'community land' to 'operational land'.

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 10th November 2014



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