



Mr Glenn Handford
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Great Lakes Council
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FORSTER NSW 2428

Our ref: PP_2014_GLAKE_003_00
Your ref: SP-PP-18

Att: Roger Busby

Dear Mr Handford,

Planning proposal to amend Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan 2014

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 16 September 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 rezone land at The Southern Parkway, Forster from RU2 Rural Landscape to E2 Environmental Management.

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 amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 12 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 for the Department of Planning and Environment to draft and finalise the LEP should be made 6 weeks prior to the projected publication date.

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.

Should you have any queries in regard to 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,

**David Rowland
General Manager
Hunter and Central Coast Region
Planning Services Division**

25 September 2015



Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP_2014_GLAKE_033_00): to rezone land at The Southern Parkway, Forster from RU2 Rural Landscape to E2 Environmental Management.

I, the General Manager, Hunter and Central Coast Region at 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) 2013 to rezone land at The Southern Parkway, Forster from RU2 Rural Landscape to E2 Environmental Management 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 is classified as low impact as described in *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning & Environment 2013)* and must be made publicly available for a minimum of **14 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 (Department of Planning & Environment 2013)*.
2. Consultation is required with the Office of Environment and Heritage under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act. The Office of Environment and Heritage 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 **12 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 25th day of September 2014.

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

Delegate of the Minister for Planning