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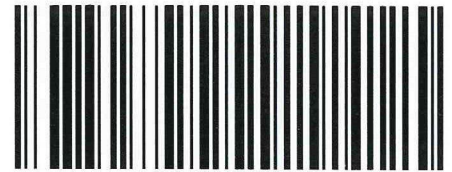
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Attention: Lisa Kennedy



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Dear Sir/Madam

**Draft Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 1985
LP No. 384 Goodland Rd, Woollamia**

I refer to the Department's letter of 24 December, 2010, providing a Gateway Determination under section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for the draft Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 1985 LP No. 384 Goodland Road, Woollamia. This letter provided a completion date of 31 December, 2011, for the finalisation of the draft LEP.

Council has worked consistently to try to complete this planning proposal within the required timeframe. However, as you would be aware Council has experienced significant delays resulting from the inability of the landowners to reach an agreement on the rezoning options. Council's decision of 28 June, 2011, to seek representations with the Member for the South Coast and the NSW Minister of Planning also further delayed this project. As such, Council will not meet the required deadline of 31 December, 2011.

On the 14 November 2011 Council held a meeting with a number of landowners as a final step to seek agreement for the planning proposal to proceed. This agreement has now finally been forthcoming and on 25 November, 2011, Council received a letter signed by most (6 of 7) landowners for the planning proposal (Option 4) to proceed. On 29 November, 2011, Council resolved:

- a) *Council obtain feedback from relevant State Government agencies as required by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure;*
- b) *Council secure the Director Generals approval to exhibit under Section 57(2) of the EP&A Act for the Goodland Road Planning Proposal on the basis of rezoning the developable envelope to E4 Environmental Living and the remainder of the properties to E2 Environmental Conservation, consistent with the provisions of Option 4 outlined in the report;*

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- c) *Council proceed to community consultation for a period of at least 28 days as per Section 56(2) of the EP&A Act 1979.*

Now that we have a firm Council resolution to move forward, coupled with landowner agreement, Council is dedicated to ensuring the completion of this project and we are now preparing a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA) and other exhibition material and are currently seeking feedback from relevant State Government agencies on the proposal (Option 4). It is expected that Council will seek the Director General's approval to exhibit the draft LEP in early 2012.

Thus as advised at the recent Liaison Meeting, Council seeks an extension of 12 months for the Gateway Determination to allow for the completion of the VPA and associated negotiations and the exhibition and finalisation of the plan. Given that this rezoning has had such a long and protracted history and Council has finally been able to obtain landowners agreement, it is essential that Council obtains an extension of time to allow for the process to be completed. Terminating the matter now would leave this longstanding matter unresolved and also waste the funding and resources that have been expended to date.

We look forward to your favourable consideration of this request for an extension of time.

If further information is needed about this matter, please contact Jessica Rippon, Strategic Planning & Infrastructure Group on (02) 4429 3228. Please quote Council's reference 32740E in any correspondence.

Yours faithfully



Gordon Clark
Strategy Planning Manager