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## Office of the Director General

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Dear Mr Farmer,

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Our ref: PP\_2012\_WOLLG\_010\_00 (12/16183)

Your ref: Z12/179701

Planning proposal to amend Wollongong Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2009 and Wollongong LEP (West Dapto) 2010

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 5 October 2012 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 amend the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2009 and Wollongong LEP (West Dapto) 2010 to include 'storage premises' as permissible with consent in the IN3 Heavy Industrial Zone.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the attached Gateway determination.

I have also agreed that the planning proposal's inconsistencies with S117 Direction 1.1 Business and Industrial Zones are of minor significance. No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

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 to meet the 9 month timeframe. Council's request for the department to draft and finalise the LEP should be made six (6) weeks prior to the projected publication date.

The NSW 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 s54(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, please contact Graham Towers of the regional office of the department on 02 4224 9450.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Pearson

A/Director General

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## **Gateway Determination**

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP\_2012\_WOLLG\_010\_00): to amend the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 and Wollongong Local Environmental Plan (West Dapto) 2010 to establish 'storage premises' as permissible with consent in the IN3 Heavy Industrial zones.

- I, the Acting Director General, Department of Planning and Infrastructure as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Wollongong Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2009 and Wollongong LEP (West Dapto) 2010 to amend the Land Use Table for the IN3 Industrial Zone to include storage premises as a permissible use with consent 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 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 4.5 of A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning 2009).
- 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

day of November

Richard Pearson A/Director General

Delegate of the Minister for Planning and

Infrastructure