

Mr Roger Busby Release Area Manager Planning and Environmental Services PO Box 450 FORSTER NSW 2428 10/19075

Dear Mr Busby

I refer to your letter dated 13 September 2010, requesting a Gateway Determination under section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ('EP&A Act') for the draft Great Lakes Local Environmental Plan (Amendment No 73).

I am writing to notify you that I have determined (as the delegate of the Director-General) under clause 12(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* that the former LEP plan-making provisions will cease to apply to the draft LEP. The current provisions of Part 3 of the EP&A Act will then apply.

Furthermore I have, as the delegate for the Minister for Planning, determined under clause 122 (2) of Schedule 6 to the EP&A Act to dispense with all the conditions precedent up to section 57(8) of the EP&A Act for the making of this draft LEP.

Council is encouraged to finalise the LEP within 6 months of the week following the date of this letter. Council's request for the Department 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, please contact Mr Brian Murphy of the Regional Office of the Department on 02 4904 2712.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Gellibrand 20/10/10

**Deputy Director General** 

Plan Making & Urban Renewal

(as delegate of the Minister and the Director-General)