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Planning proposal to amend Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 23 August 2016 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 establish new height of building controls in the Nowra CBD to facilitate and provide certainty for future development, improve amenity and strengthen the Nowra CBD as a Major Regional Centre consistent with the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Plan.

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.

Plan making powers were delegated to councils by the Minister in October 2012. It is noted that Council has requested to be issued with delegation for this planning proposal. 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 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 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 of Planning and Environment 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.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, I have arranged for Mr George Curtis of the Department's Southern regional office to assist you on telephone (02) 4224 9465.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Davis
Acting Director, Regions, Southern
Planning Services
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Encl: Gateway Determination; Authorisation to Exercise Delegation; Attachment 5 – Delegated Plan Making Reporting Template

Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP-2016-SHOAL-003-00): to establish new height of building controls in the Nowra CBD.

I, Linda Davis, the Acting Director, Southern Region, Planning Services 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 *Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 2014* as described above, 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 **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* (Department of Planning and Environment 2013).
2. Consultation is required with the following public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act and/or to comply with the requirements of relevant S117 Directions:
 - Roads and Maritime Service
 - NSW Health (Shoalhaven District Memorial Hospital)

Each public authority 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 LEP maps shall be prepared in accordance with the *Standard Technical Requirements for Spatial Datasets and Maps* (Department of Planning and Environment, 2015).
5. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **12 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 6th day of September 2016.



Linda Davis
Acting Director Regions, Southern
Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
Delegate of the Minister for Planning



WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Shoalhaven City 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-2016-SHOAL-003-00	Planning proposal to establish new height of building controls in the Nowra CBD to facilitate and provide certainty for future development, improve amenity and strengthen the Nowra CBD as a Major Regional Centre consistent with the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Plan.

In exercising the Minister's functions under section 59, the Council must comply with the Department of Planning and Environment's "*A guide to preparing local environmental plans*" and "*A guide to preparing planning proposals*".

Dated 6 / 9 / 2016

Linda Davis
Acting Director, Regions, Southern
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