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Mr Daryl Dutton General Manager Upper Hunter Shire Council PO Box 208 Scone NSW 2337

Dear Mr Dutton

Planning Proposal –Lot 202 DP 845720, 411 Middlebrook Road, Scone, Amendment to Scone Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 1986 - Gateway Determination extension

I refer to Council's request of 31 August 2011 seeking an extension of time to complete the Planning Proposal PP_2010_UPHUN_002_00 to rezone land at Middlebrook Road, Scone for rural residential purposes.

I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 56(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, to amend the Gateway Determination dated 25 August 2010 for PP_2010_UPHUN_002_00.

The Gateway Determination is amended by extending the time for the completion of the Planning Proposal by an additional 12 Months. The Planning Proposal is now due for completion by 1 September 2012.

It is acknowledged that Council do not currently have any GIS support, and as such, there is limited capacity to produce the required maps. Unfortunately the Department is unable to provide mapping support for amending LEPs at this time. I suggest Council investigate engaging consultants to undertake the work required, and the Department would be happy to provide technical specifications.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Amy Blakely, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Newcastle Office on 02 4904 2700.

Yours sincerely

Tom Geilibrand Deputy Director General Plan Making and Urban Renewal