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Dear Mr McGrath

**Planning proposal PP-2021-2954 to amend Coffs Harbour Local Environmental Plan 2013**

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to rezone part Lot 1 DP 360716 & part Lot 15 DP 7956, Coramba Road, Coffs Harbour for low density residential purposes and amend associated development standards.

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

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistencies with section 9.1 Directions 1.5 Rural Lands, 2.1 Environmental Protection Zones, 4.3 Flood Prone Land and 5.10 Implementation of Regional Plans are justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of relevant section 9.1 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made.

It is noted that Council has requested to be authorised as the local plan-making authority. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have conditioned the Gateway for Council to be authorised as the local plan-making authority.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised within six months of 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 six weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

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 3.32(2)(d) of the Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Jenny Johnson to assist you. Ms Johnson can be contacted on 6641 6414.

Yours sincerely



7/5/2021

**Jeremy Gray**  
**Director, Northern Region**  
**Local and Regional Planning**

Encl: Gateway determination  
Authorised plan-making reporting template