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Dear Mike

Planning proposal [PP-2021-3041] to amend Kiama Local Environmental Plan 2011

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) and additional information received on 21 May 2021 in respect of the housekeeping planning proposal to correct anomalies with zoning and map labelling for government sites across the LGA and to rezone surplus railway land to allow commercial uses.

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 inconsistency with section 9.1 Directions 1.2 Rural Zones and 2.2 Environment Protection Zones are of minor significance because of the nature of the proposal. 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 section 9.1 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to public exhibition.

The Gateway determination requires the planning proposal to be revised prior to public consultation.

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 12 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 Lisa Kennedy to assist you. Ms Kennedy can be contacted on 4247 1827.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Lees', with a stylized flourish at the end.

31 May 2021

Sarah Lees
Director Southern Region
Local and Regional Planning

Encl: Gateway determination