



Mr Jeremy Bath
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Dear Mr Bath

Planning proposal PP-2021-328 – Alteration of Gateway Determination

I refer to correspondence seeking an extension of time to complete the above planning proposal seeking to amend the development standards for floor space ratio and height of buildings at 41 and 47 Throsby Street, Wickham.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have determined in accordance with section 3.34(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to alter the Gateway determination dated 1 January 2021 (since altered). The Alteration of Gateway determination is enclosed.

Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* states that after a review of the planning proposal, the Minister is to determine times within which the various stages of the procedure for the making of the proposed instrument is to be completed. In order to shift the planning system to a more strategic focus, the Government is aiming for planning proposals to generally take one year and no more than two years to complete.

As this is the first planning proposal to implement significant changes for the Wickham area it is important to achieve finalisation as a catalyst for further urban renewal of this strategic location. The Alteration of Gateway determination has extended the timeframe for completing the local environmental plan to 18 months from the date of the Gateway determination. I wish to advise no extensions will be granted beyond two years.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Mark Parker, Principal Planning Officer, Central Coast and Hunter Region to assist you. Mr Parker can be contacted on 9995 5286.

Yours sincerely

06/09/2021

Dan Simpkins
Director, Central Coast and Hunter Region
Planning and Assessment

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