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Dear Mr Hickey

Planning proposal PP-2021-3290 to amend Ballina Local Environmental Plan 1987

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 enable a veterinary hospital and information and education facility as additional permitted uses with consent at 46 Lindendale Road, Wollongbar.

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 determined, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistencies with section 9.1 Directions 2.6 Remediation of Contaminated Land and 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection are yet to be justified in accordance with the terms of the Directions. Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of these Directions. 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 Carlie Boyd to assist you. Ms Boyd can be contacted on 6643 6404.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gray', written over a light gray rectangular background.

28/5/2021

Jeremy Gray
Director, Northern Region
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Encl: Gateway determination
Authorised plan-making reporting template