



Mr Jeremy Bath
Chief Executive Officer
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Attention: Tom Smith, Heritage Planner

Dear Mr Bath

Planning proposal (PP_2019_NEWCA_005_00) to amend Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 – Heritage listing of Parkway Avenue, Newcastle

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) respect of the planning proposal to amend the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 to include Parkway Avenue as a landscape heritage item of local significance.

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. It is noted that the proposal would benefit from including photos of Parkway Avenue in the main body of the proposal to emphasise the local heritage importance of the Avenue.

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 nine 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 James Shelton to assist you. Mr Shelton can be contacted on 4904 2713.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Sullivan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Sullivan
Director, Central Coast and Hunter Region
Planning and Assessment

Encl: Gateway determination
Authorised plan-making reporting template