

PP-2021-4822 (IRF22/4245)

Ms Morven Cameron  
Chief Executive Officer  
Lake Macquarie City Council  
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Dear Ms Cameron

**Planning proposal PP-2021-4822 to amend *Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014***

I refer to correspondence requesting the Secretary's agreement that inconsistency of the above planning proposal with section 9.1 Ministerial Direction 4.1 Flooding is justified.

The updated flood assessment report indicates flooding issues are capable of being resolved by raising the level of the site to the adjacent road crest, which reduces the hazard category to H1 and H2, with only a small portion of the lot identified as H4.


I note Council will address these issues through flood planning provisions in the *Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014* and *Development Control Plan*. Additionally, as part of the updated flood assessment Council also notes any evacuation and shelter-in-place arrangements will be considered at the subdivision and development assessment stage.

I also note the Biodiversity Conservation Division has advised the inconsistency with section 9.1 Ministerial direction 4.1 Flooding is considered minor.

As a delegate of the Secretary, I have agreed that the inconsistency is justified in accordance with the terms of the section 9.1 Ministerial direction 4.1 Flooding.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Glenn Horal to assist you. Mr Horal can be contacted on 4345 4409.

Yours sincerely



8 August 2023  
**Dan Simpkins**  
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