



Mr David Evans  
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Maitland City Council  
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Dear Mr Evans

**Planning proposal PP\_2019\_MAITL\_002\_00 to amend *Maitland 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 13 August 2020 in respect of the planning proposal to rezone part of lot at corner of Station Lane and Christopher Road and amend floor space ratio, height of buildings and minimum lot size controls to facilitate Lochinvar Town Centre.

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 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 NSW 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 Mr James Shelton, Senior Planning Officer, Central Coast and Hunter Region to assist you. Mr Shelton can be contacted on 4904 2713.

Yours sincerely

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25/08/2020

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

Encl: Gateway determination  
Authorised plan-making reporting template