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Our ref: N09/00072-1
Your ref: SP&D.RMcConkey

Att: Mr Phil Pearce

Dear Mr Noble

Gateway Determination Extension – Newcastle City Centre Local Environmental Plan 2008 (amendment No.3)

I refer to Council's request of 22 June 2011, seeking an extension of time to complete the Planning Proposal to reclassify TPI House from community to operational land, at No. 231 King Street, Newcastle.

I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 56(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, to amend the Gateway Determination dated 20 December 2010 for PP_2011_NEWCA_001_00.

The Gateway Determination is amended by extending the time for the completion of the Planning Proposal by an additional 6 months. The Planning Proposal is now due for completion by 24 December 2011. Council's request for the Department to draft and finalise the LEP should be made six weeks prior to the projected publication date.

It is appreciated that Council has experienced delays in finalising this Planning Proposal due ongoing negotiations over the relocation of existing tenants and community groups that use TPI House. If Council is unable to resolve this matter within a reasonable time, consideration should be given to discontinuing the planning proposal. Council's request to discontinue the planning proposal should be made in accordance with s58(4) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Trent Wink of the Department's Newcastle Office on (02) 49042716.

Yours sincerely

Tom Gellibrand 4/8/11
**Deputy Director General
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