



Mr Wayne Wallis
General Manager
Port Stephens Council

Attn: Brett Gardiner, via email: Council@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Wallis

Planning proposal PP-2021-612 – Alteration of Gateway Determination

I am writing in response to Council's request for an extension of time to complete planning proposal PP-2021-612 that seeks to enable rural residential development at 610 Seaham Road, Nelsons Plains.

The Gateway determination issued in April 2021 included condition 2(c) for public exhibition to commence by 1 December 2021. This condition has not been met.

I appreciate there have been several issues Council has been working through in relation to technical studies and advice from relevant public authorities.

As you are aware, the Department of Planning and Environment is committed to reducing the time taken to complete planning proposals and is taking an active management approach to align planning proposals with the timeframes outlined in the *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (December 2021).

Before approving further alteration to the Gateway determination, including Council's request, a resolution of Council is required to confirm the program for progressing the planning proposal to public exhibition, finalisation of the local environmental plan and whether any amendments to the planning proposal have been made since the Gateway determination was issued.

If you have any more questions, please contact Mr Thomas Holmes, Senior Planning Officer at the Department on 9860 1583.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. McDonald'.

25 July 2022

Malcolm McDonald
Executive Director, Local and Regional Planning