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Dear Sir

Planning proposal section 56 notification

Planning Proposal to list Sketchley Cottage as an item of local significance on the Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan

Pursuant to Section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, it is advised that Council has resolved to prepare a Planning Proposal for the abovementioned amendment.

Please find enclosed the information required in accordance with the Department's guidelines 'A guide to preparing local environmental plans' issued under Section 55(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, evaluation criteria for the delegation of plan making functions, a locality map and Council's report on the matter.

Council is seeking Written Authorisation to Exercise Delegation under section 56 of the EP&A Act. Although the Planning Proposal is not supported by a study endorsed by the Heritage Office, it is considered that the proposed listing is a matter of local significance.

Following receipt by Council of the Departments written advice, Council will proceed with the planning proposal.

Any future correspondence in relation to this matter should quote reference number PSC2006-0073. Should you require further information please contact Sarah Connell on 4980 0462.

Yours faithfully



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ATTACHMENT 4 – EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR THE DELEGATION OF PLAN MAKING FUNCTIONS

Checklist for the review of a request for delegation of plan making functions to councils

Local Government Area:Port Stephens

Name of draft LEP:Sketchley Cottage

Address of Land (if applicable):Lot 1 DP 1093118, 1 Sketchley Street, Raymond Terrace

Intent of draft LEP: To list 'Sketchley Cottage' as an item of local environmental significance of the Port Stephens LEP

Additional Supporting Points/Information: Planning Proposal and statement of heritage significance attached.

Evaluation criteria for the issuing of an Authorisation (Note: where the matter is identified as relevant and the requirement has not been met, council is attach information to explain why the matter has not been addressed)	Council response		Department assessment	
	Y/N	Not relevant	Agree	Not agree
Is the planning proposal consistent with the Standard Instrument Order, 2006?	yes			
Does the planning proposal contain an adequate explanation of the intent, objectives, and intended outcome of the proposed amendment?	yes			
Are appropriate maps included to identify the location of the site and the intent of the amendment?	yes			
Does the planning proposal contain details related to proposed consultation?	yes			
Is the planning proposal compatible with an endorsed regional or sub-regional planning strategy or a local strategy endorsed by the Director-General?	yes			
Does the planning proposal adequately address any consistency with all relevant S117 Planning Directions?	yes			
Is the planning proposal consistent with all relevant State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs)?	yes			
Minor Mapping Error Amendments	Y/N			
Does the planning proposal seek to address a minor mapping error and contain all appropriate maps that clearly identify the error and the manner in which the error will be addressed?		N/A		
Heritage LEPs	Y/N			
Does the planning proposal seek to add or remove a local heritage item and is it supported by a strategy/study endorsed by the Heritage Office?	No			
Does the planning proposal include another form of endorsement or support from the Heritage Office if there is no supporting strategy/study?	No			
Does the planning proposal potentially impact on an item of State Heritage Significance and if so, have the views of the Heritage Office been obtained?	No			

Reclassifications	Y/N			
Is there an associated spot rezoning with the reclassification?		N/A		
If yes to the above, is the rezoning consistent with an endorsed Plan of Management (POM) or strategy?		N/A		
Is the planning proposal proposed to rectify an anomaly in a classification?		N/A		
Will the planning proposal be consistent with an adopted POM or other strategy related to the site?		N/A		
Will the draft LEP discharge any interests in public land under section 30 of the Local Government Act, 1993?		N/A		
If so, has council identified all interests; whether any rights or interests will be extinguished; any trusts and covenants relevant to the site; and, included a copy of the title with the planning proposal?		N/A		
Has the council identified that it will exhibit the planning proposal in accordance with the department's Practice Note (PN 09-003) Classification and reclassification of public land through a local environmental plan and Best Practice Guideline for LEPs and Council Land?		N/A		
Has council acknowledged in its planning proposal that a Public Hearing will be required and agreed to hold one as part of its documentation?		N/A		
Spot Rezonings	Y/N			
Will the proposal result in a loss of development potential for the site (ie reduced FSR or building height) that is not supported by an endorsed strategy?		N/A		
Is the rezoning intended to address an anomaly that has been identified following the conversion of a principal LEP into a Standard Instrument LEP format?		N/A		
Will the planning proposal deal with a previously deferred matter in an existing LEP and if so, does it provide enough information to explain how the issue that lead to the deferral has been addressed?		N/A		
If yes, does the planning proposal contain sufficient documented justification to enable the matter to proceed?		N/A		

Does the planning proposal create an exception to a mapped development standard?		N/A		
Section 73A matters				
Does the proposed instrument a. correct an obvious error in the principal instrument consisting of a misdescription, the inconsistent numbering of provisions, a wrong cross-reference, a spelling error, a grammatical mistake, the insertion of obviously missing words, the removal of obviously unnecessary words or a formatting error?; b. address matters in the principal instrument that are of a consequential, transitional, machinery or other minor nature?; or c. deal with matters that do not warrant compliance with the conditions precedent for the making of the instrument because they will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment or adjoining land? (NOTE – the Minister (or Delegate) will need to form an Opinion under section 73(A(1)(c) of the Act in order for a matter in this category to proceed).	No			

NOTES

- Where a council responds 'yes' or can demonstrate that the matter is 'not relevant', in most cases, the planning proposal will routinely be delegated to council to finalise as a matter of local planning significance.
- Endorsed strategy means a regional strategy, sub-regional strategy, or any other local strategic planning document that is endorsed by the Director-General of the department.