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Dear Mr McDonald

**Planning proposal PP\_2019\_UPHUN\_001\_00 to amend Upper Hunter Local Environmental Plan 2013**

I refer 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 31 January 2019 in respect of the planning proposal to change the minimum lot size of part lot 17 DP 1196235, Gundy Road Scone from four hectares to one hectare.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of relevant section 9.1 Directions 2.3 Heritage Conservation and 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made.

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 twelve 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 and Environment.

The state 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 further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Ken Phelan to assist you. Mr Phelan can be contacted on 4904 2705.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monica Gibson', with a stylized, cursive script.

27/2/2019

**Monica Gibson**  
**Director Regions, Hunter**  
**Planning Services**

Encl: Gateway determination  
Authorised plan-making reporting template