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Our ref: PP\_2013\_CESSN\_003\_00 (13/05662)

Mr Wade Crocket  
Acting General Manager  
Cessnock City Council  
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CESSNOCK NSW 2325

Dear Mr Crocket,

**Planning proposal to amend Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011**

I am writing in response to your Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") in respect of the planning proposal to amend the Dwelling Entitlement Map to provide dwelling entitlements for land at 45, 46, 94 and 116 Nash Road, Quorrobolong.

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

While the proposal to provide dwelling entitlements for land at Quorrobolong is supported, Council is to review all dwelling entitlements on undersized rural allotments and clearly identify existing holdings prior to submitting any future planning proposals which seek to amend dwelling entitlements in the Cessnock Local Government Area.

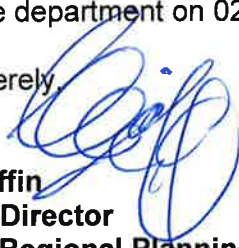
The Minister delegated his plan making powers to councils in October 2012. It is noted that Council has now accepted this delegation. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have decided to issue an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this plan.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 9 months of the week following 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 6 weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the department for administrative purposes.

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 54(2)(d) of the EP&A Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Trent Wink of the regional office of the department on 02 4904 2700.

Yours sincerely,

  
**Neil McGaffin**  
**Executive Director**  
**Rural and Regional Planning**

22-5-13

## Gateway Determination

**Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP\_2013\_CESSN\_003\_00):** to provide dwelling entitlements for land at Nash Road, Quorrobolong.

I, the Executive Director, Rural and Regional Planning at the Department of Planning and Infrastructure as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011 to amend the Dwelling Entitlement Map to provide dwelling entitlements for land at 45, 46, 94 and 116 Nash Road, Quorrobolong should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Community consultation is required under sections 56(2)(c) and 57 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") as follows:
  - (a) the planning proposal is classified as low impact as described in *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning & Infrastructure 2013)* and must be made publicly available for a minimum of **14 days**; and
  - (b) the relevant planning authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in section 5.5.2 of *A Guide to Preparing LEPs (Department of Planning & Infrastructure 2013)*.
2. Consultation is required with the following public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act and/or to comply with the requirements of relevant S117 Directions:
  - NSW Rural Fire Service (S117 Direction 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection)
  - Mine Subsidence Board (S117 Direction 4.2 Mine Subsidence and Unstable Land)

Each public authority is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material, and given at least 21 days to comment on the proposal.

3. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 56(2)(e) of the EP&A Act. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).
4. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **9 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated

22

day of

May

2013.



**Neil McGaffin**  
**Executive Director**  
**Rural and Regional Planning**  
**Department of Planning and Infrastructure**

**Delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure**



## WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Cessnock City Council is authorised to exercise the functions of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure under section 59 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* that are delegated to it by instrument of delegation dated 14 October 2012, in relation to the following planning proposal:

| Number               | Name                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PP_2013_CESSN_003_00 | Planning proposal to amend the Dwelling Entitlement Map to provide dwelling entitlements for land at 45, 46, 94 and 116 Nash Road, Quorrobolong. |

In exercising the Minister's functions under section 59, the Council must comply with the Department's "A guideline for the preparation of local environmental plans" and "A guide to preparing planning proposals".

Dated 22 May 2013

Neil McGaffin  
Executive Director  
Rural and Regional Planning  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure

## Attachment 5 – Delegated plan making reporting template

### Reporting template for delegated LEP amendments

#### Notes:

- Planning proposal number will be provided by the department following receipt of the planning proposal
- The department will fill in the details of Tables 1 and 3
- RPA is to fill in details for Table 2
- If the planning proposal is exhibited more than once, the RPA should add additional rows to **Table 2** to include this information
- The RPA must notify the relevant contact officer in the regional office in writing of the dates as they occur to ensure the department's publicly accessible LEP Tracking System is kept up to date
- A copy of this completed report must be provided to the department with the RPA's request to have the LEP notified

**Table 1 – To be completed by the department**

| Stage                               | Date/Details         |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Planning Proposal Number            | PP_2013_CESSN_003_00 |
| Date Sent to Department under s56   | April 2013           |
| Date considered at LEP Review Panel | 16/05/2013           |
| Gateway determination date          | 22/05/2013           |

**Table 2 – To be completed by the RPA**

| Stage                                           | Date/Details | Notified Reg Off |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Dates draft LEP exhibited                       |              |                  |
| Date of public hearing (if held)                |              |                  |
| Date sent to PCO seeking Opinion                |              |                  |
| Date Opinion received                           |              |                  |
| Date Council Resolved to Adopt LEP              |              |                  |
| Date LEP made by GM (or other) under delegation |              |                  |
| Date sent to DP&I requesting notification       |              |                  |

**Table 3 – To be completed by the department**

| Stage                         | Date/Details |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Notification Date and details |              |

#### Additional relevant information: