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Our ref: PP_2013_NEWCA_009_00 (13/06907)

Mr Ken Goulthorp
General Manager
Newcastle City Council
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Dear Mr Goulthorp,

Planning proposal to amend Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012

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 reclassify land at 3 Northern Avenue, Tarro from community to operational land, to rezone the land to R2 Low Density Residential and apply a maximum building height of 8.5m, a maximum floor space ratio of 0.6:1 and a minimum lot size of 450sqm for the land.

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.

I have also agreed the planning proposal's inconsistencies with S117 Directions 3.1 Residential Zones, 3.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates and 4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils are of minor significance. In relation to S117 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes, I have agreed to the reduction of land for public purposes. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

Council is reminded of its obligations for undertaking a public hearing in relation to the proposed reclassification of land in accordance with the department's practice note *PN09-003, Classification and reclassification of public land through a local environmental plan*.

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. Council should contact the regional office of the department should it require assistance in relation to the exercise of its delegation, including assistance with access to GIS support.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 12 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 Susan Blake 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_NEWCA_009_00): to reclassify, rezone and amend the development standards for land at Northern Avenue, Tarro.

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 Newcastle Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2012 to reclassify land at 3 Northern Avenue, Tarro from community to operational land, to rezone the land to R2 Low Density Residential and apply a maximum building height of 8.5m, a maximum floor space ratio of 0.6:1 and a minimum lot size of 450sqm for the land should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Council is to ensure that it has addressed the Director-General's requirements relating to the reclassification of public land consistent with section 5.5.4 of *A Guide to Preparing LEPs*.
2. 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 must be made publicly available for a minimum of **28 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).
3. No consultation is required with public authorities under section 56(2)(d) of the EP&A Act.
4. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter under section 56(2)(e) of the EP&A Act. However, a public hearing is required to be held into the matter in accordance with the department's practice note PN09-003, as the planning proposal involves a reclassification of land from community to operational.
5. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **12 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

Newcastle 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_NEWCA_009_00	Planning proposal to reclassify land at 3 Northern Avenue, Tarro from community to operational land, to rezone the land to R2 Low Density Residential and apply a maximum building height of 8.5m, a maximum floor space ratio of 0.6:1 and a minimum lot size of 450sqm for the land.

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_NEWCA_009_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: