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Our ref: PP_2015_GOSFO_004_00 (15/04556)

Mr Paul Anderson
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Attention: Michael Bowman

Dear Mr Anderson,

Planning proposal to amend Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014

I am writing in response to your Council's letter requesting a Gateway determination under section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") in respect of the planning proposal to rezone land from RU2 Rural Landscape to IN1 General Industrial to enable development for industrial purposes at 244 Debenham Road North, Somersby.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, 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 1.1 Business and Industrial Zones, 3.4 Integrating Land Use and Transport and 4.1 Acid Sulfate Soils are of minor significance. No further approval is required in relation to these Direction/s.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Department's Secretary to comply with the requirements of relevant S117 Directions. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the plan being made.

Plan making powers were delegated to councils by the Minister in October 2012. It is noted that Council has requested to be issued with delegation for this planning proposal. 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 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 of Planning and Environment 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, I have arranged for Mr Glenn Horal of the Department's regional office to assist you. Mr Horal can be contacted on (02) 4348 5000.

Yours sincerely,



16 April 2015

David Rowland
General Manager
Hunter and Central Coast Region
Planning Services

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Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP_2015_GOSFO_004_00): to rezone land from RU2 Rural Landscape to IN1 General Industrial to enable development for industrial purposes at 244 Debenham Road North, Somersby

I, the General Manager, Hunter and Central Coast Region at the Department of Planning and Environment as delegate of the Minister for Planning, have determined under section 56(2) of the EP&A Act that an amendment to the Gosford Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014 to rezone land from RU2 Rural Landscape to IN1 General Industrial to enable development for industrial purposes at 244 Debenham Road North, Somersby should proceed subject to the following conditions:

1. Prior to undertaking public exhibition Council is to update the Planning Proposal to:
 - identify in the 'explanation of provisions' the existing zone and development standards that apply to the land; and
 - include existing and proposed zone and development standards maps.
 - clarify the presence of threatened species on site and update the relevant sections of the planning proposal including consideration of SEPP 19 - Bushland in Urban Areas and Council's Biodiversity Strategy.
2. Council is to update the planning proposal to include sufficient additional information to adequately demonstrate consistency or justify any inconsistency with the below S117 Directions and other policies:
 - 1.2 Rural Zones
 - 2.1 Environment Protection Zones
 - 4.4 Planning for Bushfire Protection
 - 5.1 Implementation of Regional Strategies
 - SEPP No 19—Bushland in Urban Areas
3. Council is to ensure that the planning proposal satisfies the requirements of State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) 55 – Remediation of Land. If required, Council is to prepare an initial site contamination investigation report to demonstrate that the site is suitable for rezoning to the proposed zone. This report is to be included as part of the public exhibition material.
4. 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 and 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 and Environment 2013).

5. 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)
- Office of Environment and Heritage (S117 Direction 2.1 Environment Protection Zones)
- Department of Primary Industries – Agriculture (S117 Directions 1.2 Rural Zones and 5.1 Implementation of Regional Strategies)

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.

6. 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).

7. The timeframe for completing the LEP is to be **12 months** from the week following the date of the Gateway determination.

Dated 16 day of April 2015.



David Rowland
General Manager
Hunter and Central Coast Region
Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment

Delegate of the Minister for Planning

WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO EXERCISE DELEGATION

Gosford City Council is authorised to exercise the functions of the Minister for Planning 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_2015_GOSFO_004_00	Planning proposal to rezone land from RU2 Rural Landscape to IN1 General Industrial to enable development for industrial purposes at 244 Debenham Road North, Somersby.

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

Dated 16 April 2015



David Rowland
General Manager
Hunter and Central Coast Region
Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment

Attachment 5 – Delegated plan making reporting template

Reporting template for delegated LEP amendments

Notes:

- Planning proposal number will be provided by the Department of Planning and Environment following receipt of the planning proposal
- The Department of Planning and Environment 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 publicly accessible LEP Tracking System is kept up to date
- A copy of this completed report must be provided to the Department of Planning and Environment with the RPA's request to have the LEP notified

Table 1 – To be completed by Department of Planning and Environment

Stage	Date/Details
Planning Proposal Number	PP_2015_GOSFO_004_00
Date Sent to DoP&E under s56	10 March 2015
Date consider adequate	8 April 2015
Date considered at LEP Review Panel (if applicable)	N/A
Gateway determination date	16 April 2015

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 DoP&E requesting notification		

Table 3 – To be completed by Department of Planning and Environment

Stage	Date/Details
Notification Date and details	

Additional relevant information: