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Our ref: PP_2016_SINGL_004 (16/12928)
Your ref: PGR 1/2016

Att: Gary Pearson

Dear Mr Linnane,

Planning Proposal to amend Singleton Local Environmental Plan 2013

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 22 September 2016 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 identify a church building on Bowmans Creek Road, Bowmans Creek as a local heritage item.

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.

The Minister delegated plan making powers to councils 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 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.

Attached for your assistance is a simplified guide to the plan making process and reporting requirements to ensure that the LEP Tracking System is kept updated.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, I have arranged for James Shelton from the Hunter office to assist you. Mr Shelton can be contacted on (02) 4904 2713.

Yours sincerely,

17/10/2016

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