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Regional Director Hunter Region  
Department of Planning, Industry and  
Environment  
PO Box 1226  
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300

Ref: SP-PP-09  
Your ref: PP\_2015\_GLAKE\_002\_00  
Enquiries: Ms A Macvean

Dear Mr Sullivan,

**Request for Extension of Time to Finalise Planning Proposal to Amend Great  
Lakes Local Environmental Plan 2014 - Bluey's Estate, Charlotte Bay**

Council has prepared and is processing a Planning Proposal to rezone approximately 351 hectares of rural land at Charlotte Bay for environmental protection, residential and private recreation purposes.

The Planning Proposal is progressing in accordance with the conditional Gateway Determination and subsequent alterations issued on 25 April 2015, 12 May 2017 and 22 December 2017.

Council requests that the Department grant an additional twenty-four (24) month extension of time from the date of this letter.

The additional extension is sought to determine an appropriate mechanism to ensure the permanent protection of environmentally sensitive lands, as required by the Gateway Determination. The additional consultation required between Council, the land owner's representatives and relevant divisions of the Department of Planning, Infrastructure & Environment, are in direct response to the introduction of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

The applicant has provided additional information in this regard, and to demonstrate progress against the conditions of the Gateway Determination. These documents are attached for information and consideration by the Department.

Upon confirmation of the extension, the amended Project Timeline provided with this request will be incorporated into the Planning Proposal.

It is also requested that the conditions of the Gateway Determination issued on 28 April 2015 be amended to reflect the integration of MidCoast Water into MidCoast Council which was made effective on July 1, 2017 in accordance with the NSW Government's proclamation.

Should you require any further information please contact me on (02) 6591 7348 or [alexandra.macvean@midcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:alexandra.macvean@midcoast.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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## PART 5 - PROJECT TIMELINE

In accordance with DPIE guidelines the following timeline is provided which includes the tasks deemed necessary for the making of this local environmental plan.

Task	Responsibility	Timeframe
Lodge Planning Proposal with Department Planning & Environment	Great Lakes Council	March 2015
Gateway Determination issued with conditions	Department Planning & Environment	April 2015
Fee Agreement for Stage 2 (Gateway Determination to Gazettal)	Great Lakes Council and Applicants/Land Owner	June 2015
Gateway Determination Conditions addressed e.g. additional investigations, inter-agency consultation, preparation of Planning Agreement	Great Lakes/MidCoast Council	June 2015 – June 2020
Amended Planning Proposal to Department of Planning, Industry & Environment prior to exhibition	MidCoast Council 6-8 weeks (DPE/OEH)	September 2020
Exhibition of Amended Planning Proposal, inter-agency consultation and community engagement	MidCoast Council 4-6 weeks	November 2020
Review of Submissions	MidCoast Council	March 2021
Report and Amended Planning Proposal adopted by Council	MidCoast Council	May 2021
Amended Planning Proposal lodged with Department Planning, Industry & Environment to be made	MidCoast Council 6-8 weeks (DPE)	July 2021
Plan Made by Minister of Planning	Department Planning, Industry & Environment	September 2021