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Our ref: 12/15383
Your ref: PSC2010-0498

Dear Mr Gesling

Planning Proposal PP_2011_PORTS_004_00 – Gateway Determination extension

I refer to your request on 19 September 2012 seeking an extension of time to complete the Planning Proposal PP_2011_PORTS_004_00 to rezone land at Medowie Road, Medowie from rural small holdings zones to residential, open space and commercial purposes in accordance with the South Street Neighbourhood Structure Plan identified in the Medowie Strategy.

I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 56(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, to amend the Gateway Determination dated 28 October 2011 for PP_2011_PORTS_004_00.

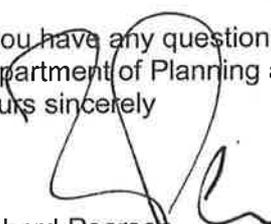
The Gateway Determination is amended by extending the time for the completion of the Planning Proposal by an additional 12 months. The Planning Proposal is now due for completion by 2 November 2013.

Council should aim to commence the consultation with the State agencies within eight weeks from the week following this revised determination. It is understood that preliminary consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) in regard to flooding and ecological issues has not occurred due to the delays in the proponent providing updated information. Providing agencies with up-to-date information is supported, however if there are further delays to Council receiving this information, it is suggested that Council make contact with OEH. The Department can offer assistance in facilitating a meeting with OEH and Council regarding these issues if required.

Council's request for the Department to draft and finalise the LEP should be made six weeks prior to the projected publication date.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Dylan Meade of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's Newcastle Office on (02) 4904 2718.

Yours sincerely


Richard Pearson
A/Director General

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