



Planning & Infrastructure

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Our ref: 12/05968
Your ref: PSC2006-0191

Attention: Peter Marler

Dear Mr Gesling

**Planning Proposals: PP_2012_PORTS_005_00 – Gateway Extension
PP_2012_PORTS_009_00 – Gateway Extension**

I refer to the above Planning Proposals for land at Kings Hill, currently with the Department to be finalised. I am aware that finalisation of the Planning Proposals has been delayed and the plans are now overdue. I also note Council's request to hold off further processing of the proposals pending the payment of rezoning fees.

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 Determinations dated 24 July 2012 for PP_2012_PORTS_005_00 and 31 August 2013 for PP_2012_PORTS_009_00

The Gateway Determinations are amended to extend the time for the completion of the Planning Proposal. The Department asks that Council concurrently:

- (a) Resolve the issue of any outstanding fees with the proponents as a matter of priority, and provide advice to the Department by 18 October 2013 whether this has been completed; and
- (b) Continue processing the proposal, including responding to legal drafting information requests.

As set out in the original gateway determinations, the State Government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete LEPs, and I encourage Council to work closely with the Department to resolve the outstanding drafting and fees issues so that the Planning Proposal can be finalised as soon as possible.

Should you any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr Ben Holmes of the Department's Newcastle office, on 4904 2709.

Yours sincerely,

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