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Our ref: 11/12667
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Dear Ms Rosser *Lea*

Planning Proposal Bellbird Heights – Gateway Determination extension

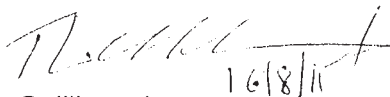
I refer to Council's request of 12 July 2011 seeking an extension of time to complete the Planning Proposal PP_2011_CESSN_003_00. This proposal seeks to rezone land from 1(a) Rural 'A' zone under the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 1989 to R2 Low Density Residential and RU2 Rural Landscape to facilitate residential development.

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 24 December 2010 for PP_2011_CESSN_003_00.

The Gateway Determination is amended by extending the time for the completion of the Planning Proposal by an additional 6 months. The Planning Proposal is now due for completion by 24 June 2012. As indicated in the Gateway Determination, Council is required to resubmit the Planning Proposal to the Department prior to community consultation. Council should aim to resubmit the revised Planning Proposal to the Department by 24 December 2011.

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

Yours sincerely



16/8/11

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**Deputy Director General
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