



Office of the Director General

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Dear Ms Rosser

Planning Proposal PP_2011_CESSN_003_00 – Gateway Determination extension

I refer to the Planning Proposal PP_2011_CESSN_003_00 to rezone rural land at Bellbird Heights to facilitate residential development. I understand that Council resolved to request additional information to support this proposal on 21 March 2012 and that this information has not been provided. I encourage Council to liaise with the proponent to obtain the necessary information as quickly as possible.

In the interim 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 and subsequently amended on 16 August 2011.

The Gateway Determination is amended by extending the time for the completion of the Planning Proposal by an additional 6 months so that the Planning Proposal is now due for completion by 24 December 2012. If Council is unable to finalise its assessment of the proposal during this time the Department and the Minister may need to consider whether an alternative RPA should be appointed.

Prior to the due completion date Council needs to consider the additional information supplied, if any, and determine whether or not the proposal should proceed. The Department is happy to participate in any discussions required with the proponents or government agencies in order to bring this matter to some conclusion.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Michael Leavey Regional Director Hunter & Central Coast on 02 4904 2700.

Yours sincerely


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Director General