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Dear Mr Gesling

## Planning Proposal (PP\_2010\_PORTS\_015) Medowie Road, Medowie

I refer to the Department's letter of 4 July 2013 regarding Council's request to extend the timeframe to finalise this planning proposal at Medowie Road, Medowie.

There are 2 matters in the Department's letter that require some clarification.

With respect to the extension, an additional 6 months was approved, however the correct due date for completion should be 20 December 2013, not 2014.

Additionally, the Gateway Determination of 8 May 2013 gave delegation to Council to finalise the plan directly with the Parliamentary Counsel's Office. The Department's letter of 4 July 2013 however incorrectly referred to the plan being submitted to the Department to be made. I wish to confirm that Council maintains delegation for the planning proposal in the terms of the Gateway Determination of 8 May 2013.

I apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Susan Blake of the Department's Newcastle office on 4904 2700.

Yours sincerely

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