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Mr Michael Whittaker General Manager Wyong Shire Council PO Box 20 WYONG NSW 2259

Dear Mr Whittaker,

Planning proposal to amend Wyong Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 1991 or draft Wyong LEP 2012

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 22 May 2013 requesting a Gateway determination under section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("EP&A Act") in respect of the planning proposal to rezone land at the Old Farm site at 414 Old Maitland Road, Mardi for large lot residential and environmental protection purposes and amend the minimum lot size for the subject land.

I have considered the planning proposal and advise that a determination on this planning proposal is to be made once Councils Settlement Strategy has been endorsed by the Director General.

I understand that on 8 May 2013, Council endorsed the Wyong Settlement Strategy, which establishes a strategic direction for growth and identifies future land for development in the Wyong local government area. I note that the Strategy includes a Rural Development component which identifies the Old Farm site for potential rural residential development.

I am aware Council has submitted its Settlement Strategy for endorsement. The Department is currently undertaking a review of the Strategy along with finalising Council's new Local Environmental Plan (LEP). Once the Settlement Strategy has been endorsed this planning proposal will be further considered.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Mr Garry Hopkins of the regional office of the Department on 02 4348 5002.

Yours sincerely.

Richard Pearson $/2 \cdot 7 \cdot /3$ Deputy Director General Planning Operations and Regional Delivery