

PP-2022-1501/IRF23/1389

Mr Jeremy Bath
Chief Executive Officer
City of Newcastle
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Dear Mr Bath,

Planning proposal (PP-2021-1541) to amend *Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012*


I refer to your correspondence of 31 May 2023 requesting the Secretary's agreement that inconsistency of the above planning proposal with section 9.1 Ministerial direction 4.1 Flooding is justified.

The flood assessment report sets out the need for safe shelter in place at or above the probable maximum flood event and future development to be designed to withstand the expected hydraulic forces of these events. I am advised these measures are included in the *City of Newcastle City-wide Flood Risk Management Study and Plan* and *Development Control Plan*.

On this basis, I agree the planning the planning proposal's inconsistency with section 9.1 Ministerial direction 4.1 Flooding is justified. Council can now proceed to request DPE to finalise the planning proposal.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Chris Ferry to assist you. Ms Ferry can be contacted on 4927 3203.

Yours sincerely



23 June 2023
Dan Simpkins
Director, Central Coast and Hunter
Local and Regional Planning