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Our ref: IRF22/4007

Dear Ms Cameron

**Planning Proposal PP-2022-3944 to amend Lake Macquarie Local Environmental Plan 2014**

I am writing in response to the planning proposal you have forwarded to the Minister under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to amend Schedule 2 - Exempt Development provisions for A-frame signage located on footpaths.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Homes, I have determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the enclosed gateway determination.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the inconsistencies of the planning proposal with applicable direction of the Minister under section 9.1 of the EP&A Act 3.2 Heritage Conservation, 4.1 Flooding and 4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection are justified in accordance with the terms of the Directions. No further approval is required in relation to these Direction.

Considering the nature of the planning proposal I have determined that Council may exercise local plan-making authority functions in relation to the planning proposal.

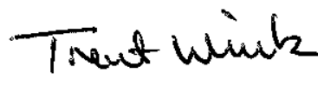
The proposed local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 21 September 2023. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Should Council seek to make the proposed LEP, the request to draft the LEP should be made directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office well in advance of the date the LEP is projected to be made. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment.

The NSW Government is committed to reduce the time taken to complete LEPs. To meet these commitments, the Minister may appoint an alternate planning proposal authority if Council does not meet the timeframes outlined in the gateway determination.

The Department's categorisation of planning proposals in the *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (Department of Planning and Environment, 2021) is supported by category specific timeframes for satisfaction of conditions and authority and Government agency referrals, consultation, and responses. Compliance with milestones will be monitored by the Department to ensure planning proposals are progressing as required.

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

Yours sincerely

 21/12/22

**Trent Wink**  
**A/Manager**  
**Central Coast and Hunter Region**

Encl: Gateway determination