

Department of Planning and Environment

Mr Jeremy Bath Chief Executive Officer City of Newcastle PO Box 489 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300 Our ref: PP-2022-395

Attn: Alex Tobin

Dear Mr Bath,

Planning proposal PP-2022-395 – Alteration of Gateway Determination

I refer to Council's correspondence requesting resolution of outstanding section 9.1 Ministerial directions to allow Council to complete planning proposal PP-2022-395 for Lingard Private Hospital at 23 Merewether Street, and 8 Lingard Street, Merewether.

On the 15 February 2023, I advised Council that consistency with section 9.1 Ministerial direction 4.1: Flood Prone Land was still outstanding, and the Department was obtaining independent advice on the risk to property and life because of flooding impacts to the site.

I am pleased to advise the planning proposal's inconsistency with section 9.1 Ministerial direction 4.1 Flood Prone Land is now justified and considered of minor significance given that the detailed flooding risk to property and life can be addressed at the development application stage.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Mr Thomas Holmes, Manager, Central Coast and Hunter to assist you. Mr Holmes can be contacted on 9860 1583.

Yours sincerely

13 March 2023 Dan Simpkins Director, Central Coast and Hunter Local and Regional Planning