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Attention: Leanne Fuller

Dear Dr Allen

Planning proposal PP0-2022-4099 to amend Port Macquarie-Hastings Local Environmental Plan 2011

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 permit secondary dwellings with consent in the RU1 Primary Production, RU2 Rural Landscape and RU5 Village zones and apply associated development controls.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, 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 inconsistency of the planning proposal with applicable directions of the Minister under section 9.1 of the EP&A Act 1.1 Implementation of Regional Plans, 3.1 Conservation Zones, 3.2 Heritage Conservation, 4.1 Flooding, 4.2 Coastal Management, 4.5 Acid Sulfate Soils and 9.2 Rural Lands is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to the Directions.

Council still needs to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of section 9.1 Direction 4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to the LEP being made.

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 15 September 2023. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Should Council seek to make a 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 has 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 Ms Sandra Bush to assist you. Sandra can be contacted on 6588 5535.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gray', is positioned above the printed name and title.

22/12/2022

Jeremy Gray
Director, Northern Region
Local and Regional Planning

Encl: Gateway determination