

Department of Planning and Environment

Our ref: PP-2022-981

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Dear Dr Allen

Planning proposal PP-2022-981 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 rezone part Lot 2 DP 601094 and part Lot 4 DP 825704, 11 and 33 Mumford Street, Port Macquarie for business development and environmental conservation purposes and amend the related development standards.

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, 4.2 Coastal Management, 4.5 Acid Sulfate Soils, 5.1 Integrating Land Use and Transport and 6.2 Caravan Parks and Manufactured Home Estates is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to the Directions.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of relevant applicable directions of the Minister under section 9.1 of the EP&A Act 4.1 Flooding, 4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection and 4.4 Remediation of Contaminated Land. 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 10 months from the date of the Gateway determination. 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 well in advance of the date the LEP is projected to be made.

Parliamentary Counsel's Office is not responsible for the drafting of map-only amendments to LEPs. Requests for legal drafting for map-only amendments must instead be sent to mapinstrument.drafting@dpie.nsw.gov.au. The relevant Department of Planning and Environment team contact should be copied into the request. The request must include the drafting instruction template, planning proposal and gateway determination.

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 Kate Campbell to assist you. Ms Campbell can be contacted on 5778 1401.

Yours sincerely

16/5/2022

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Director, Northern Region
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Encl: Gateway determination