



Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Dear Mr Roncon

Planning proposal PP-2024-1099 to amend Armidale Regional Local Environmental Plan 2012

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 the minimum lot size on part Lot 200 DP1277689, 90 Kurrawatha Avenue, Armidale.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, 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 Act, Direction 9.2 Rural Lands is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to this 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 amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be six months from the date of the Gateway determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request for the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to draft and finalise the LEP should be made eight weeks 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, Housing and Infrastructure 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, Housing and Infrastructure, August 2023) 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 Georgia Weallans, Planning Officer to assist you. Ms Weallans can be contacted on 5778 1413.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Gray', is positioned above the date.

5/6/2024

Jeremy Gray
Director, Hunter and Northern Region
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Encl: Gateway determination