



## Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Attention: Kate Lynch

Dear Mr Ruprai

### Planning Proposal PP-2024-2696 to amend Shoalhaven 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 implement the Berry Heritage Review.

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.

No further approval is required in relation to the Directions.

I have determined not to authorise Council to be the local plan-making authority. The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before **19 June 2026**. 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.

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 Stephanie Wood to assist you. Stephanie can be contacted on (02) 9274 6550 or [steph.wood@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:steph.wood@dpie.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely,

19/6/2025

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Encl: Gateway determination