

## Gateway Determination

**Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP-2025-137):** Amendment to the Cessnock LEP 2011 to expand the additional permitted use area in which residential flat buildings can occur with consent at 'The Vintage', Wine Country Drive & McDonalds Drive, Pokolbin.

I, the Director, Hunter and Northern Region at the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure, as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, have determined under section 3.34(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) that an amendment to the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 to expand the additional permitted use area in which residential flat buildings can occur with consent at 'The Vintage', Wine Country Drive & McDonalds Drive, Pokolbin should proceed subject to the following Gateway Conditions.

The Council as planning proposal authority is authorised to exercise the functions of the local plan-making authority under section 3.36(2) of the Act subject to the following:

- (a) the planning proposal authority has satisfied all the conditions of the gateway determination;
- (b) the planning proposal is consistent with applicable directions of the Minister under section 9.1 of the Act or the Secretary has agreed that any inconsistencies are justified; and
- (c) there are no outstanding written objections from public authorities.

The LEP should be completed on or before nine months from the date of the Gateway determination.

### Gateway Conditions

1. Prior to agency and community consultation, the proposal is to be updated to include the current property descriptions.
2. Public exhibition is required under section 3.34(2)(c) and clause 4 of Schedule 1 to the Act as follows:
  - (a) the planning proposal is categorised as standard as described in the *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (Department of Planning and Environment, August 2023) and must be made publicly available for a minimum of 10 working days; and
  - (b) the planning proposal authority must comply with the notice requirements for public exhibition of planning proposals and the specifications for material that must be made publicly available along with planning proposals as identified in *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (Department of Planning and Environment, August 2023).

3. Consultation is required with the following public authorities and government agencies under section 3.34(2)(d) of the Act and/or to comply with the requirements of applicable directions of the Minister under section 9 of the Act:

- NSW Rural Fire Service
- NSW Hunter Water Corporation
- Lessee/operator of the Cessnock Airport

Each public authority is to be provided with a copy of the planning proposal and any relevant supporting material via the NSW Planning Portal and given at least 30 working days to comment on the proposal.

4. A public hearing is not required to be held into the matter by any person or body under section 3.34(2)(e) of the Act. This does not discharge Council from any obligation it may otherwise have to conduct a public hearing (for example, in response to a submission or if reclassifying land).

Dated 10 March 2025



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