

Gateway Determination

Planning proposal (Department Ref: PP-2025-2333): to permit temporary workers' accommodation with consent in certain zones.

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 Armidale Regional Local Environmental Plan 2012 to permit temporary workers' accommodation with consent in certain zones should proceed subject to the following:

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 9 months from the Gateway determination date.

Gateway Conditions

1. Prior to community and agency consultation, the planning proposal is to be amended to:
 - (a) remove the draft local provision including the definition of temporary workers' accommodation and include a plain English explanation of the proposed changes; and
 - (b) exclude application of the new local provision to the RU3 Forestry Zone and all recreation and conservation zones.
2. Public exhibition is required under section 3.34(2)(c) and clause 4 of Schedule 1 to the Act as follows:
 - (c) 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 20 working days; and
 - (d) 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 (or any other part 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 Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development – Agriculture
- NSW Resources
- Armidale Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Civil Aviation Authority
- Airservices Australia
- Owner / Operator of Armidale Regional 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 12 December 2025



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