

Explanatory Note

Minister for Planning, McCloy Medowie Pty Ltd (ACN 169 323 924)

Draft Planning Agreement

Introduction

The purpose of this explanatory note is to provide a plain English summary to support the notification of the draft planning agreement (the **Planning Agreement**) prepared under Subdivision 2 of Division 6 of Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the **Act**).

This explanatory note has been prepared jointly by the parties as required by clause 25E of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (the **Regulation**).

Parties to the Planning Agreement

The parties to the Planning Agreement are McCloy Medowie Pty Ltd (ACN 169 323 924) (the **Developer**) and the Minister for Planning (the **Minister**).

Description of the Subject Land

The Planning Agreement applies to Lots 93, 94, 95 and 96 in Deposited Plan 753194 known as Boundary Road, Medowie (the **Land**).

The Land is owned by the Developer.

Description of the Proposed Development

The Developer is seeking development consent for subdivision of the land into approximately 345 residential lots, associated stormwater drainage, bulk earthworks and associated infrastructure (**Proposed Development**) and has made an offer to the Minister to enter into the Planning Agreement in connection with the Proposed Development.

Summary of Objectives, Nature and Effect of the Planning Agreement

The Planning Agreement provides that the Developer will make a monetary contribution of \$259,109.00 which equates to approximately \$751.00 per residential lot for the purposes of the provision of designated State public infrastructure within the meaning of clause 6.1 of the *Port Stephens Local Environmental Plan 2013* (**LEP**).

The amount of the monetary contribution will be paid in instalments calculated on the basis of the number of residential lots for each development application. The instalments are payable prior to the issue of each relevant subdivision certificate as set out in Schedule 4 to the Planning Agreement.

In addition to the payment of the above contribution, the Developer has also agreed to:

- (a) provide contributions to Port Stephens Council (the **Council**) under section 94 of the Act which will be levied under the Port Stephens Contributions Plan for the provision of State and regional infrastructure, comprising:
 - (i) regional road works: \$270,825.00;
 - (ii) State owned public open space, parks and reserves: \$127,995.00; and

- (iii) State owned sports and leisure facilities: \$716,220.00; and
- (b) enter into a planning agreement with the Minister administering the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* and the Council in order to satisfy clause 7.19 of the LEP. The agreement will require the Developer to dedicate approximately 70 hectares of land for environmental conservation, carry out vegetation management works and provide a monetary contribution towards vegetation management works.

The Developer is required to provide security in the form of a \$20,000.00 bank guarantee or insurance bond and register the Planning Agreement on the title to the Land in accordance with section 93H of the Act.

The objective of the Planning Agreement is to facilitate the delivery of the Developer's contributions towards the provision of infrastructure, facilities and services referred to in clause 6.1 of the LEP.

No relevant capital works program by the Minister is associated with this agreement.

Assessment of Merits of Planning Agreement

The Planning Purpose of the Planning Agreement

In accordance with section 93F(2) of the Act, the Planning Agreement has the following public purpose:

- the provision of (or the recoupment of the cost of providing) public amenities or public services.

The Minister and the Developer have assessed the Planning Agreement and both hold the view that the provisions of the Planning Agreement provide a reasonable means of achieving the public purpose set out above. This is because it will ensure that the Developer makes appropriate contributions towards the provision of infrastructure, facilities and services referred to in clause 6.1 of the LEP.

How the Planning Agreement Promotes the Public Interest

The Planning Agreement promotes the public interest by ensuring that an appropriate contribution is made towards the provision of infrastructure, facilities and services to satisfy needs that arise from development of the Land.

How the Planning Agreement Promotes the Objects of the Act

The Planning Agreement promotes the objects of the Act by:

- encouraging the promotion and co-ordination of the orderly and economic use and development of land; and
- requiring the Developer to make a contribution towards the provision of infrastructure, facilities and services referred to in clause 6.1 of the LEP.

The Developer's offer to contribute towards the provision of State infrastructure will have a positive public impact as funds from the Developer will be available towards the provision of infrastructure, facilities and services referred to in clause 6.1 of the LEP.

Requirements relating to Construction, Occupation and Subdivision Certificates

The Planning Agreement does not specify requirements that must be complied with prior to the issue of a construction certificate or an occupation certificate.

The Planning Agreement requires each instalment of the monetary contribution to be paid prior to the issue of the relevant subdivision certificate and therefore contains a restriction on the issue of a subdivision certificate within the meaning of section 109J(1)(c1) of the Act.