

## Explanatory Note

Minister for Planning ABN 38 755 709 681

and

Ridgedale Heights Pty Limited ACN 072 406 449 as trustee for the  
Ridgedale Heights Unit Trust ABN 93 443 160 482

## 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 the Minister for Planning ABN 38 755 709 681 (the **Minister**) and Ridgedale Heights Pty Limited ACN 072 406 449 as trustee for the Ridgedale Heights Unit Trust ABN 93 443 160 482 (the **Developer**).

### Description of the Subject Land

The Planning Agreement applies to:

- That part of Lot 1 in Deposited Plan 788219 hatched on the plan annexed and marked "Annexure A" to the Planning Agreement known as 319 Government Road, Thornton NSW 2322 (**Subject Land**).

### Description of the Proposed Development

The Developer is seeking to subdivide the Subject Land into approximately 24 residential lots generally in accordance with Development Application DA15/1693 which has been lodged with Maitland City Council (**Proposed Development**). The Developer 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 \$30,866.96 for the purposes of the provision of designated State public infrastructure within the meaning of clause 6.1 of the *Maitland Local Environmental Plan* 2011 (**LEP**).

The amount of the monetary contribution has been calculated on the basis of an estimate of the net developable area comprised in the Proposed Development.

The monetary contribution will be payable on the execution of the Planning Agreement. The requirement for the timing of the payment is set out in Schedule 4 to the Planning Agreement.

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 the Planning 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 Subject 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.

The Planning Agreement promotes the objects of the Act set out above by 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, an occupation certificate or a subdivision certificate.