



## Planning & Infrastructure

Office of the Director General

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Dear Mr Sharp

I refer to your submission of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Urban Growth Management Strategy (the Strategy) for my approval.

I am pleased to advise that I have approved the Strategy subject to the following:

- Approval of the Strategy does not extend to the two identified "Investigation" areas referred to as Map Reference 25 and 28, at this stage, as they are outside the Growth Area Boundary of the Mid North Coast Regional Strategy. However the Department supports Council's intention to carry out investigations, the outcomes of which may be considered in a future review of the Mid North Coast Regional Strategy; and
- The "Rural Residential Investigation Areas" are approved for future investigation. However, once investigations are complete Council will be required to seek approval to amend the Strategy prior to rezoning the land.

It is noted that land west of Herons Creek village is identified in the Strategy as existing residential on some of the Strategy's maps, including Summary Map 2. The majority of this land is zoned Rural and is outside the Mid North Coast Regional Strategy's Growth Area boundary. The existing residential status of this land needs to be removed to indicate it is not presently available for urban purposes.

I thank Council for your work in preparing a comprehensive Strategy for future urban development in the local government area. Council can now proceed to implement the outcomes and recommendations of the approved Strategy.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Greg Yeates of the Department's Northern Region to assist you. Greg may be contacted on telephone number 6641 6608.

Yours sincerely

Sam Haddad  
Director General

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