



Office of the Secretary

Mr Brent McAlister  
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Dear Mr McAlister

Thank you for writing on behalf of the Northern Rivers Regional Organisation of Councils seeking funding assistance to help implement the outcomes of the Northern Councils E Zone Review.

It is important that the councils prioritise the implementation of the outcomes of the E Zone Review and bring forward the land that was deferred during the Standard Instrument LEP program. This will allow each of the Far North Coast Councils to complete their Standard Instrument LEP to help streamline the local planning system and provide greater certainty to their communities.

I note your cost estimate of approximately \$300,000.00 between the Councils of Tweed, Lismore, Byron and Ballina to implement the E Zone Review, with no funding necessary at present for Kyogle Council to implement its recommended rural zones.

In acknowledgement of the Council resources that will be directly required as a result of the Government's E Zone Review, I have made available \$40,000.00 (excl GST) in Planning Reform Funding each for Tweed, Lismore, Byron and Ballina Councils. This funding will be subject to an individual Memorandum of Understanding with each council, and completion of the necessary background work and lodgement of a planning proposal for a Gateway determination to rezone the currently deferred areas by no later 30 June 2017. No extension of the funding beyond the current financial year will be made, and payment will be dependent on the successful completion of the project within the specified timeframe.

Should you have any further enquiries, or to arrange acceptance of the Planning Reform Funding, please contact Mr Craig Diss at the Department's Northern Region office on (02) 6641 6600.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Marcus Ray'.

Marcus Ray  
Acting Secretary  
08/09/2016

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