



## Planning & Infrastructure

Office of the Director General

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Dear Mr Hayward

I refer to your letter of 19 September 2012 requesting that I approve the John Oxley Drive Precinct Structure Plan as a component of Council's local growth management strategy.

I am pleased to advise that I have approved the structure plan. It now replaces Council's approved Urban Growth Management Strategy (5 May 2011) to the extent of any inconsistency with that strategy.

In response to the questions in your letter:

- it is not necessary to physically amend your principal strategy. The two documents can remain separate until such time as Council next reviews its principal strategy; and
- the Mid North Coast Regional Strategy growth area maps will not be altered to reflect the change until the review of the strategy is undertaken. The strategy allows for "a reasonable adjustment to a growth area boundary" in certain circumstances. This can be used by Council for any planning proposals which are consistent with the approved structure plan.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, please contact Mr Greg Yeates of the Department's Northern Region. Mr Yeates can be contacted on telephone number (02) 6641 6608.

Yours sincerely

Richard Pearson  
**Acting Director General**