

PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF CONCEPT APPROVAL MP06_0309 (MOD3)

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT OF STRATEGIC PLANS

NSW 2021 Plan

NSW 2021 is the State Government's 10 year plan to guide policy and budget decision making and to deliver on community priorities. It is a 10 year plan to rebuild the economy, provide quality services, renovate infrastructure, restore Government accountability, and strengthen the local environment and communities.

NSW 2021 states that the Government's number one priority is to restore economic growth and establish NSW as the first place in Australia to do business.

NSW 2021 is based around five key strategies, with the relevant strategies addressed in the below table.

Relevant Key Strategies / Goals	Comment	Consistent with Objectives / Goals
<p>Rebuild the economy – restore economic growth and establish NSW as the 'first place in Australia to do business'.</p> <p>This strategy contains a number of goals, targets and priority actions. Of particular relevance to the proposal the following is noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the performance of the NSW economy, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grow business investment by an average of 4% per year; - Increase tourism in NSW with double the visitor expenditure by 2020; - Give specific attention to regional tourism; and - Grow employment by an average of 1.25% per year to 2020. 	<p>The proposed helipad is consistent with the goals, targets and priority actions. The helipad will be integrated into the approved marina and mixed use residential and tourist destination. It will contribute to business & tourist investment in NSW, the site and broader Lake Macquarie LGA; it will contribute towards regional tourism; and it will contribute towards regional employment; and contribute to driving economic growth.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

Relevant Key Strategies / Goals	Comment	Consistent with Objectives / Goals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive economic growth in regional NSW including targeting the creation of 40,000 new jobs in regional NSW (as part of a target for the creation of 100,000 jobs across NSW). 		
Return Quality Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce travel times across NSW 	The proposal will offer an alternate means of travel between the site, Sydney and the Hunter Valley that is not reliant on the road network.	Yes
Strengthen our local environment and communities – improve people's lives by protecting natural environments and building a strong sense of community.	<p>The Trinity Point development seeks to promote the natural environment of Lake Macquarie, which is the focal point of the overall tourist destination. It is important to the proponent that the environment is protected to ensure the ongoing success of the overall tourist facility.</p> <p>Accordingly, the proposed helipad has been designed with regard to important environmental considerations, noting the marine environment and surrounding locality that will accommodate the operation of the helipad. The EA contains a range of environmental investigations that have been undertaken to ensure that any potential impacts associated with the proposal are appropriately minimised, mitigated and managed during construction and operation of the helipad.</p>	Yes

Hunter Regional Plan 2036

The NSW Government has developed the Hunter Regional Plan 2036 as an overarching framework to guide land use planning priorities and infrastructure funding decisions in the Hunter region over the next 20 years.

The Plan sets priorities and provides a direction for regional planning decisions. It focuses on new housing and jobs, and targets growth in strategic centres and renewal corridors close to transport to deliver social and economic benefits. It sets in place line-of-sight land use planning for the region, regional districts like the Greater Newcastle metropolitan area and each Council area. The Greater Newcastle area comprises the closely connected urban areas of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Cessnock, Maitland and Port Stephens local government areas.

Trinity Point is located within close proximity to the identified growth area of Morisset. The plan aims to strengthen the region's economic resilience, protect its well-established economic and employment bases and build on its existing strengths to foster greater market and industry diversification.

The vision of the Hunter Regional Plan 2036 is for the Hunter to be the leading regional economy in Australia with a vibrant new metropolitan city at its heart. To achieve this vision, the NSW Government has acknowledged the growing importance of Greater Newcastle and set four (4) regionally focused goals, supported by a number of directions. The goals and directions particularly relevant to the proposal are addressed in the below table.

Relevant Goals / Directions	Comment	Consistent with Goals / Directions
<p>The leading regional economy in Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow greater Newcastle as Australia's next metropolitan city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Increase inter-regional and international connectivity. Capitalise on the Hunter's strategic location to leverage proximity to Asia and the region's growing tourism sector. • Grow tourism in the region including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Enable investment in infrastructure to expand the tourism industry, including connections to tourism gateways and attractions. ◦ Encourage tourism development in natural areas that support conservation outcomes. 	<p>The proposed helipad development is consistent with the relevant goals and directions of the plan, particularly noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal will contribute towards inter-regional and international connectivity. The proposed helipad will not only contribute to local and national residents and tourists visiting the development, Lake Macquarie, and the wider Hunter Region, but will also be an important element to drawing international tourists; • The proposal will form part of the overall Trinity Point tourist destination. The Trinity Point development has been designed as a world class land and water based destination development that will form part of an experience and interaction with the areas' greatest quality – the lake itself. The proposed helipad contributes to a world class regional tourist destination that will grow tourism in the area; 	<p>Yes</p>

Relevant Goals / Directions	Comment	Consistent with Goals / Directions
<p>A biodiversity-rich natural environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect natural areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Identify terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity values and protect areas of high environmental value to sustain the lifestyle, economic success and environmental health of the region. • Sustain water quality. <p>Greater housing choice and jobs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrate growth in strategic centres to support economic growth and a mix of uses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed helipad will form part of the overall Trinity Point development which aims to reinforce the profile of Lake Macquarie for tourism, hospitality, functions, boating, recreation and lifestyle. The growth of the tourism, hospitality, and recreation sectors within Lake Macquarie and the wider Hunter Region will provide a significant economic investment to the area, and increased employment opportunities; • The proposed helipad has been designed with regard to important environmental considerations, in particular noting the marine environment that will accommodate the helipad; and • Trinity Point is located within close proximity to the identified growth area of Morisset. The proposal, which will form part of the overall Trinity Point tourist destination, will contribute to the growth of Morisset. 	

Hunter Plan for Regional Growth 2016 - 2019

The Hunter Plan for Regional Growth 2016 – 2019 was produced by Regional Development Australia Hunter (RDA). RDA's ambitions for the Hunter to 2019 is that 'the Hunter continues to grow and be recognised nationally and internationally for high quality products and services, well-connected liveable places and a collaborative business culture that supports innovation to deliver Australia's largest regional economy'. RDA's vision for the Hunter region is built on world's best practice in sustainable economic development, improved productivity, high levels of employment and community well being.

RDA identifies priority areas on which to focus efforts to build a better future for the Hunter region. These regional priorities are captured under three (3) themes: Investment, Innovation, and Infrastructure. The relevant actions to progress the regional priorities are addressed in the below table.

Relevant Actions	Comment	Consistent with Relevant Actions
Supporting growth of the Hunter's future economy and communities	<p>Tourism is presented as just one of the values of the region, but particular note is made regarding its existing strengths as a high quality tourism destination (especially regarding wine products) as well as the challenge to adapt to an Asian market. The plan encourages consideration of the region and its relationships beyond the boundaries of the LGA and encourages a coordinated approach to tourism and events across the region.</p> <p>The proposal supports the actions of the plan. The helipad, to be integrated into the approved marina and tourist destination, will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the growth of the Hunter's economy; • Improve connectivity regionally and internationally; and • Provide business and tourist investment into the region and offer an important element to drawing international tourists. 	Yes
Building infrastructure to improve connectivity		
Encourage investment into the region and links with Asian economies		

Hunter Visitor Economy Draft Destination Management Plan (March 2013)

The Tourism Hunter Draft Destination Management Plan (DMP) 'Hunter Visitor Economy' sets out the early steps in better managing a sustainable and competitive visitor economy in the Hunter region. Developed in 2013, its aim is to build vision and direction and look at what is needed for the Hunter to achieve its State visitor expenditure targets (ie. to double visitor expenditure by 2020 through management, development and promotion of its unique assets). The definition of Visitor Economy goes beyond typical conceptions of tourism to include experience creation and product capacity building.

The plan specifically identifies the Trinity Point Marina as an example of upcoming 'key infrastructure' for the region. In addition, it identifies goals for each LGA within the region, with goals specific to Lake Macquarie addressed in the below table.

Relevant Key Goals/Strategic Priorities	Comment	Consistent with Goals and Strategic Priorities
Facilitate destination infrastructure development inclusive of high quality/five star hotels with conferencing facilities	<p>The proposal, considered in the context of the emerging five star tourist destination at Trinity Point, is consistent with the relevant key goals noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal will promote visitors and visitor expenditure at the site and broader Hunter locality; • The proposal will contribute to investment into the region; • The helipad service proposed will contribute to the 5 star nature of the Trinity Point Development and meet the needs and expectation of guests requiring a helipad service, which is a feature of many 5 star tourist destinations globally; and • The proposal will support the growth of the visitor economy. 	Yes
Growing visitation and expenditure		
Encouraging investment and development		
Ensuring that the infrastructure and services needed meet needs and expectations of visitors, as well as facilitate and support the growth of the Visitor Economy.		
<p>Specific strategic priorities to achieve the key goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activation of the Lake Macquarie foreshore; • Development of conference facilities; • Better utilisation of the Lake and Foreshore areas for activities; and • Increased visitor access pathways from key hubs. 	<p>The proposed helipad, as part of the broader Trinity Point tourist destination, supports the strategic priorities as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal will contribute to the activating of the Lake Macquarie foreshore and encourage visitation and usage; • The proposal will complement the conference facilities approved as part of the Trinity Point development; • The proposal contributes to a better utilisation of the lake and foreshore for activities; and • The helipad will offer an alternate means of access to the site from Sydney and the Hunter Valley that is not reliant on the road network. 	Yes

Lake Macquarie City Council Lifestyle 2030 Strategy

Lifestyle 2030 Strategy was adopted by Council in March 2013 to replace Lifestyle 2020. The Lifestyle 2030 Strategy is a Strategic Plan that provides the long term direction for the overall development of the city and describes Council's high level policies for managing private and public development in Lake Macquarie. The 2030 Strategy is encapsulated in a series of strategic directions that convey envisaged outcomes for future land use patterns in the city.

Following are the city visions that are relevant to the proposal as outlined within the 2030 strategy:

Relevant City Visions	Comment	Consistent with Visions
The vision for the City, held by Council and the community, is that it is a place:	<p>The proposed helipad will be integrated into the approved marina, and five star regional tourist destination. Accordingly, the proposal is consistent with the relevant city visions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed helipad has been designed with regard to important environmental considerations, noting the marine environment and surrounding locality that will accommodate the helipad. The EA contains a range of environmental investigations that have been undertaken to ensure that any potential impacts are appropriately minimised, mitigated and managed during construction and operation of the helipad; • The proposal respects and promotes the scenic, ecological and recreational value of Lake Macquarie and will capitalize on commercial values and opportunities, in particular tourist visitation to the site. The Trinity Point development will promote the natural features of Lake Macquarie as the focal point of the overall destination; and • The proposal will represent further investment into Lake Macquarie and encourage economic growth. The proposal will represent balanced growth and accounts for quality of life, employment and environmental aims. 	Yes
Where the environment is protected and enhanced.		
Where the scenic, ecological, recreational, and commercial values and opportunities of the Lake and coastline are promoted and protected.		
With a prosperous economy and a supportive attitude to a balanced growth, managed in a way to enhance quality of life and satisfy the employment and environmental aims of the community.		

Lifestyle 2030 sets out several key aims and directions, with the most relevant to the proposal addressed in the below tables.

Relevant 2030 Strategy Aims	Comment	Consistent with Aim
Provide the community with realistic expectations about the future development patterns of the LGA, while retaining flexibility for land use decision making in the longer term.	The proposed helipad will be incorporated into the approved marina and form part of the emerging five star tourist destination identified in the approved concept plan.	Yes
Reinforce and strengthen centres so that a wide range of commercial and community services may be provided in a timely and accessible manner.	The proposed development will support the Morisset Town Centre, which is identified in the Hunter Regional Plan 2036 as a Growth Area and 2030 Strategy as an 'Emerging Major Regional Centre'.	Yes
Provide local employment opportunities for residents and to promote economic development consistent with the LGA's natural, locational and community resources.	The proposed helipad will form a component of the broader marina and tourist destination and contribute to investment into the LGA and support creation of local employment opportunity.	Yes
Manage the City's natural environment so that its ecological functions and biological diversity are conserved and enhanced, and contribute to the City's overall wellbeing and amenity.	The proposed helipad does not significantly impact on ecological functions or biological diversity.	Yes
Manage the City's heritage and economic resources, in a way that protects the value of these resources and enhances the City's character.	The proposed development has no significant impact on heritage resources and will contribute to economic growth.	Yes
Integrate land use with the efficient provision of public and private movement systems.	The proposed helipad will provide an alternate means of access to the site that is not reliant upon the road network.	Yes

Relevant Strategic Directions / Outcomes	Comment	Consistent with Strategic Direction / Outcome
<p>A city responsive to the environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity values are protected and managed; • Estuarine, riparian and coastal ecosystems are protected and enhanced; • The scenic natural beauty of the city is enhanced and structures visible from the lake exhibit high quality design sympathetic to their setting. <p>A well designed adaptable and liveable city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scenic qualities of the lake and its setting such as foreshores, forested ridges, wooded ridges, riparian areas are promoted, protected and enhanced. <p>A well serviced and equitable city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion in the transport system is reduced, by encouraging use of alternative forms of transport. <p>A city of progress and prosperity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment opportunities in Lake Macquarie are promoted; • Trend towards a greater proportion of the City's residential workforce being employed in the LGA; • The development of higher order businesses in centres is encouraged, particularly in regional centres including Morisset; • Employment generating business activity grows; and • Tourism opportunities within Lake Macquarie City are encouraged and developed. 	<p>The proposal is consistent with each of the relevant strategic directions and outcomes. The following is noted in this regard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed helipad has been designed with regard to environmental considerations and will not significantly impact on biodiversity values or estuaries, riparian and coastal ecosystems; • The proposed helipad has been designed to form part of the approved marina and co-exist with the broader Trinity Point tourist destination. The proposed helipad has no significant adverse impact on scenic values; • The proposed helipad will offer an alternate means of access to the site that is not reliant upon the road network; • The helipad will be integrated into the approved marina and five star regional tourist destination. It will provide business & tourist investment into the site and broader Lake Macquarie LGA, it will contribute towards regional tourism and it will contribute towards local employment; and • The proposal will support the Morisset Town Centre, which is identified in the Hunter Regional Plan 2036 as a Growth Area and 2030 Strategy as an 'Emerging Major Regional Centre'. 	<p>Yes</p>

Lake Macquarie City Community Strategic Plan 2013 - 2023

The Lake Macquarie Community Strategic Plan is Council's key strategic planning document as part of the integrated reporting framework required for local governments. Based on extensive community consultation, it provides the overall strategic direction for Council's operations and emphasises the vision, aspiration and priorities of the local community. The plan's vision for urban and economic development aims for managed growth that enhances the quality of life, while balancing employment and environmental aims. The plan outlines the following relevant key economic priorities, address in the below table.

Key Economic Priority	Comment	Consistent with Key Economic Priority
Promotion of tourism opportunities.	<p>The proposal is consistent with the key economic priorities noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed helipad will form part of a five star tourist destination. The Trinity Point development will raise Lake Macquarie's profile as a desirable visitor destination; • The proposed helipad will form part of the broader Trinity Point tourist destination. This will encourage investment into the Lake Macquarie LGA and create local employment opportunity; • The proposed helipad, as part of the broader Trinity Point development, will contribute towards a vibrant and prosperous city; • The proposed helipad will offer an alternate means of access to the site that is not reliant on the road network; and • The proposed helipad has been designed with respect to the sensitive marine environment in which it will operate. 	Yes
Encouragement of a wide variety of investment and employment.		Yes
Provision of infrastructure that supports a vibrant and prosperous city.		Yes

Lake Macquarie City Community Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027 (Revised Draft)

The Lake Macquarie City Community Strategic Plan 2017 – 2027 (Revised Draft) supersedes the former Strategic Plan 2013-2023 (addressed above).

The vision of the plan is as follows:

'Lake Macquarie is a City with a lake at its heart encircled by distinctive towns and village. We balance our cherished environments with our need for great spaces to live and visit, smart transport options and a thriving economy; which adapt and strive to be fair for all'.

The Community Strategic Plan is a plan for the Lake Macquarie community that describes how the city's vision can be achieved. The plan aligns with the NSW State Plan and Hunter Regional Plan and has been prepared with regard to the social justice principles of access, equity, participation and rights, and addresses social, environmental, economic and governance matters.

The Community Strategic Plan contains seven key focus areas with the relevant key focus areas addressed in the below table.

Relevant Key Focus Areas / Objectives	Comment	Consistent with Key Focus Areas / Objectives
<p>Unique Landscape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural environments are protected and enhanced; and New development and growth complements our unique character and sense of place and our natural landscape is an integral part of our city's identity. 	<p>Relevant to the objectives, the following is noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed helipad has been designed with regard to the natural environment, in particular the marine environment and surrounding locality that will accommodate the helipad and its operation; and The proposed helipad will be integrated into the approved marina and contribute to the establishment of a five star tourist destination. The proposal forms part of a high quality development that, as its focal point, will promote the unique character and natural landscape of Lake Macquarie to domestic and international tourists. 	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Diverse Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our City is a popular destination with a wide variety of experiences; We have an adaptable and diverse economy; and Our growing population supports a thriving local economy. 	<p>Relevant to the objectives, the following is noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed helipad will form part of a five star tourist destination. The Trinity Point development will raise the city's profile as a desirable visitor destination; The proposed helipad will contribute towards the Lake Macquarie LGA's economy, in particular relevant to capitalising on tourism opportunity; and The Trinity Point development will contribute towards a thriving local economy. 	<p>Yes</p>