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NORFOLK ISLAND GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NO. 37

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PLANNING ACT 2002 (NI)
SECTION 28F NOTICE
DECLARATION IN RELATION TO A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT

Application No.: SDDA 1/2023
Applicant: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications and the Arts
Location: Various Lots in Kingston, Country Road, Taylors Road and Middlegate Road
Proposed development: Sewerage systems:
KAVHA Sewerage Scheme Stages 2 and 3

Statement of reasons:

Having considered the matters set out in section 28D of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)* I am satisfied the proposal meets the requirements for declaration as significant for the following reasons:

1. The development is to establish or upgrade infrastructure of a type prescribed in the regulations, namely (k) *sewerage systems*.
2. The development has potential economic and community benefits. A reticulated sewerage system that collects sewage for disposal at the Sewerage Treatment Plant will contribute towards improvements to water quality in surface water, groundwater, beaches at Kingston and the Norfolk Marine Park and consequently reduce risks to public health potentially caused by contaminated soil and water.
3. The development has links with other developments as it would connect to Stage 1 (currently under construction). It is planned that all development in the KAVHA catchment would be connected to the reticulated sewerage network and sewage transported directly to the Sewage Treatment Plant.
4. The development is consistent with the objectives of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 for areas designated as High Rural Conservation Value Preferred Dominant Land Use Area as it would contribute to improvements in natural and cultural values through reduced contamination of soil and water.
5. The development is consistent with actions identified in the Operational Plan 2022-23 to protect water quality; and the Community Strategic Plan:
 - Strategic Direction 1 - An environmentally sustainable community*
 - *Objective 1 - Use and manage our resources wisely*
 - o *Protect and enhance our water quality*
 - o *Keep our waters around Norfolk Island sustainable for the enjoyment of future generation*

Conditions:

There are no conditions in relation to the declared significant development.

Period of declaration:

This declaration takes effect on the date of this notice for a period of 60 months.

Other information:

After the Minister has made a declaration in relation to a significant development, the owner of the land, or a person permitted to do so, may make a development application to the General Manager of the Norfolk Island Regional Council in accordance with Parts 4 and 5 of the Planning Act.

The application must include information required by the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 or other enactment, an environmental impact statement and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

If the application is accepted, a notice of development application must be displayed on or near the land. The General Manager is also required to publish a notice in the Norfolk Island Gazette inviting written public submissions to be lodged within a specified period of not less than 28 days. The application documents must also be made available for public inspection.

The General Manager is required to refer the application with their recommendations and any public submissions to the Minister.

Within 56 days of the application being made (the Minister may extend this up to 168 days) the Minister considers the application and makes a decision.

The Minister can either give development approval, refuse approval or refer the application back to the General Manager with directions. The applicant must be notified of any decision and a notice must also be published in the Norfolk Island Gazette within 14 days.

Dated: 30 June 2023

**GEORGE PLANT
ADMINISTRATOR OF NORFOLK ISLAND AND DELEGATE OF THE
COMMONWEALTH MINISTER**
