



## Trinity Point Marina and Mixed Use Development

### HELIPAD PROPOSAL

#### FACT SHEET 7 – Assessment Process

# May 2018 Update

*Johnson Property Group (JPG) is proposing the inclusion of a helipad at the approved Trinity Point Marina and Mixed Use Development site at Morisset Park. This fact sheet provides an update on the status of the applications for the limited use helipad.*

#### What are the two applications?

JPG have two applications submitted which relate to the inclusion of a limited use helipad at Trinity Point, being:

- Section 75W Modification Application to Concept Approval MP 06\_0309 (MOD 3). Assessment of the application rests with the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE);
- A Development Application (DA 1176/2014). Assessment of the application rests with Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC).

#### Where is the s75W modification application up to?

JPG has now completed a review of all government and public submissions received by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) during their public exhibition stage, noting strong interest in the project.

Many of the matters raised in community submissions had been raised during earlier engagement activities and were therefore incorporated into the environmental assessment and its supporting documents.

JPG's response to submissions has now been provided to DPE to enable them to undertake and finalise their assessment of the application. The response is in the form of a Preferred Project Report (PPR). A list of new information included in that report is included in the box above.

#### Snapshot of New Information provided in the s75w PPR:

- Additional ecological assessment is provided on potential impact to shore and seabirds;
- A response is provided to the acoustic review commissioned by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC), (with updates to the acoustic assessment). Reference is also made to a recent Land and Environment Court judgement that considers acoustic impact and helicopter movements including relevant criteria, methodology and impact assessment and mitigation, many of which the Trinity Point helipad acoustic assessment is consistent with; and
- A Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan is provided that summarised inputs to date and details engagement activities intended post determination if approval is granted for the helipad operations to commence.

## Where is the DA up to?

The DA was placed on hold by Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) until they received an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS is required to be prepared to address specific environmental requirements, issued by DPE, which are set to expire in July 2018.

JPG has now prepared and submitted the EIS to LMCC. This will facilitate Council to exhibit the application and undertake their assessment of the application. The EIS includes technical reporting and assessments also submitted with the modification application to DPE.

## What role does the community have now?

Both DPE and LMCC have responsibilities to undertake consultation with the community under their own processes, and to consider the community input as part of their overall assessments.

The determining authority for each application similarly has an equal responsibility to consider the community input as part of their overall assessments.

## Will the concept plan modification be determined before the DA to Council is considered?

No, they will be considered concurrently. During initial consultation JPG communicated an intent for a concurrent state and local planning process. JPG received feedback from the community expressing confusion about running state and local planning processes concurrently, and so proceeded with a two step process; being the concept plan modification first (state) and the DA with EIS second (local).

The two step process appears not to have reduced confusion. Much of the community feedback has focused on merits and issues assessment common to both the state and local planning process.

Therefore, given the impending expiry of EIS requirements for the local DA, and in the interests of JPG making all their assessment information available to the public, they have decided to now provide the information to facilitate both DPE and LMCC proceeding with assessment of their respective applications. Accordingly, the community can expect these authorities to seek further public comments as part of their assessments.

## Need more information?

JPG is committed to ensuring accurate and up to date information about the proposed helipad is available to all interested community members. We have established a Community Information web page <http://trinitypoint.com.au/helipad> that has details around the environmental studies and consultation activities, as well as a series of fact sheets including:

- Fact Sheet 1 – Why a Helipad?
- Fact Sheet 2 – Noise, Helicopter Survey and Flight Paths
- Fact Sheet 3 – Helipad Operations
- Fact Sheet 4 – Public Access and Safety
- Fact Sheet 5 – Community Engagement
- Fact Sheet 6 – Helicopter Survey

We welcome your questions and feedback. Please contact JPG on 8023 8888 or visit the above designated webpage and use the feedback form.