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Dear Ms Manns

Planning proposal PP_2019_RANDW_002_00 / PP-2020-75 for Bumborah Point, Port Botany – Alteration of Gateway Determination

I write regarding the planning portal to allow a cemetery on the Bumborah Point site. The Department supports the concept of a cemetery on the site as it partly addresses the need for additional burial space in Greater Sydney. However, I understand there are outstanding environmental issues that need to be resolved before the planning proposal can progress.

I understand Council has been working with the proponent to submit additional information to address the Gateway conditions, including the preparation of a Development Control Plan for the site. The complexity of the site, time taken to negotiate a potential Voluntary Planning Agreement and ongoing engagement with the proponent and Crown Lands has delayed the progress of this planning proposal.

The Department identified in its letter, dated 6 April 2021, and at recent meetings with Council staff, that the additional information provided in February 2021 has not yet addressed the Gateway conditions and there are key planning issues which remain unresolved, including foreshore landscaped buffer, retention of native vegetation and coastal hazards. Further work is required to progress the proposal to public exhibition and subsequent determination.

The additional work that would be required to be completed prior to exhibition, coupled with the exhibition and finalisation timeframes would mean that the planning proposal would significantly exceed the 12-month finalisation timeframe of 22 May 2021, as specified in the Gateway Determination. This would be contrary to the Government's Planning Reform Action Plan, which aims to reduce assessment timeframes and ensure planning proposals are finalised within one year of Gateway determination.

As such, I have determined, as the delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, in accordance with section 3.34(7) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*, to alter the Gateway determination for the planning proposal to not proceed. A copy of the Alteration of Gateway determination is enclosed.

In making this decision, I note Council's efforts to date in working with the proponent to refine the proposal in accordance with the Gateway determination. I also reaffirm the Department's commitment to working closely with Council, the proponent and Crown Lands to address the outstanding issues with the proposal and to facilitate a new planning proposal once the key design and environmental issues have been resolved.

The Department is prepared to quickly progress a new planning proposal once the issues are resolved to enable the concept of a cemetery for the site to go to exhibition.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Ms Laura Locke, Director Eastern and South Districts, to assist you. Ms Locke can be contacted on (02) 8275 1307.

Yours sincerely



14 June 2021

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Deputy Secretary
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Encl: Alteration of Gateway Determination and Gateway Alteration Report