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Ms Glennys James
Director City Strategy and Development
Blacktown City Council
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Dear Ms James,

Re: Draft Blacktown LEP 1988 Am. No. 223 – Merriville Road, Kellyville Ridge.

I refer to the letter from Council to the Department, dated 5 May 2010, requesting a Gateway Determination under section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* ('EP&A Act') for the draft Blacktown LEP 1988 Am. No. 223 – Merriville Road, Kellyville Ridge ('draft LEP').

I am writing to notify you that I have determined (as the delegate of the Director-General) under clause 12(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* that the former LEP plan-making provisions cease to apply to the draft LEP. The current provisions of Part 3 of the EP&A Act now apply.

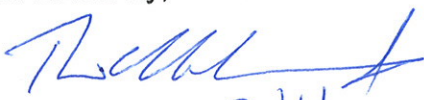
Furthermore I have, as the delegate for the Minister for Planning, determined under clause 122 (2) of Schedule 6 to the EP&A Act to dispense with all the conditions precedent up to section 57 of the EP&A Act for the making of this draft LEP. Once the draft LEP has been re-exhibited, it may be submitted to the Director General for finalisation.

I encourage Council to finalise its consultation and public exhibition in a timely manner to facilitate the completion of the draft LEP. I expect Council to ensure that the LEP is published within 3 months of the week following the date of this letter. Council's request for the Department to draft and finalise the LEP should be made 6 weeks prior to the projected publication date.

The State Government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete LEPs by tailoring the steps in the process to the complexity of the proposal, and by providing clear and publicly available justification for each plan at an early stage. In order to meet these commitments, the Minister may take action under section 54(2)(d) of the EP&A Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, please contact Derryn John of the Sydney West Office of the Department on (02) 9873 8543.

Yours sincerely,


30/6/10

Tom Gellibrand
Deputy Director General
Plan Making & Urban Renewal
(as delegate of the Minister and the Director-General)