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Dear Mr Robinson

## Planning proposal PP\_2018\_BLACK\_011\_00 to amend Blacktown Local Environmental Plan 2015

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to rezone land at Lots 1-8 SP 13502 and part lots 24 and 25 DP 11543, Alpha Street, Blacktown from B3 Commercial Core to RE1 Public Recreation, remove the height of building and floor space ratio controls, and to identify the land for future acquisition.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistency with section 9.1 Direction 1.1 Business and Industrial Zones is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. In relation to section 9.1 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes, I have agreed to the creation of land for public purposes on the basis that Blacktown City Council is the relevant acquisition authority. No further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have conditioned the Gateway for Council to be authorised as the local plan-making authority.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised within nine months of the date of the Gateway determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request to draft and finalise the LEP should be made directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office six weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

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 3.32(2)(d) of the Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Michael Cividin to assist you. Mr Cividin can be contacted on 9860 1554.

Yours sincerely

13/08/2019

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Encl: Gateway determination