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Attention: Mr Glenn Bulmer, Manager, Development Services

Dear Mr Bilske

Planning Proposal to amend Murray Local Environmental Plan 2011 – Kooyong Park

I refer to your letter dated 8 September 2017 in relation to the Department's letter on 6 September 2017 regarding a proposal to amend the Murray Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2011 for the site known as 'Kooyong Park'.

Thank you for raising your concerns regarding the return of the proposal to Council. I appreciate the extent of work that Council has undertaken and concerns regarding further delays. Unfortunately at the time of issuing our correspondence the Department was unaware of the extent of additional information being provided via physical mail which was received 7 September 2017.

I can now confirm receipt of the additional technical reports relating to a range of technical matters including flooding, and copies of the advice from Office of Environment and Heritage in relation to the flooding reports.

A review of this additional material has now been undertaken and several of the matters raised in our correspondence dated 6 September 2017 remain outstanding. This material is fundamental to determining whether or not the proposal should proceed and in particular for determining whether inconsistency with relevant section 117 directions is able to be justified.

The outstanding matters are;

- Advice as to the status of the Murray River Comprehensive Land Use Strategy and justification as to why this proposal should proceed ahead of the completed Strategy;
- Advice as to the mechanisms by which Council will ensure the necessary realignment and extension of the flood levee, including funding and ongoing maintenance;

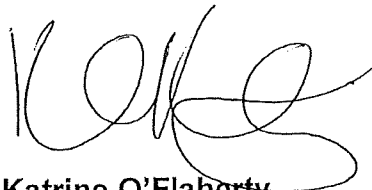
- Advice in response to the 'other' matters listed in the Department's letter dated 6 September 2017, including justification for the additional permitted use and site-specific provision.

Council is requested to confirm that no further information is to be forthcoming or alternatively, if it wishes to resubmit a revised planning proposal to arrange for this work to be undertaken.

The Department is available to discuss the information requirements with Council.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Jenna McNabb, Planning Officer at the Department's Western Region office. Ms McNabb can be contacted on (02) 6841 2180.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K O'Flaherty', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Katrine O'Flaherty
Director Regions, Western
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