



Mr Michael Deegan
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Dear Mr Deegan

Planning proposal PP_2020_IWEST_001_00 harmonisation of existing LEP's to establish the Inner West Local Environmental Plan

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 harmonise the Ashfield Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013, Leichhardt LEP 2013 and Marrickville LEP 2011 into a new LEP, to be known as the Inner West LEP.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have determined that the planning proposal should proceed, subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination. I would like to thank Council's staff for their cooperation to collaboratively resolve and clarify aspects of the proposal submitted.

I note that Council states that the consolidated instrument will provide the basis for the next stage – the future, comprehensive review of planning controls across the local government area. It is understood that this will be informed by state strategies, local evidence based strategies, plans and the Inner West Local Strategic Planning Statement. I invite Council to work with the Department in the delivery of further planning proposals to implement the findings of this strategic work.

I note Council has not stipulated if it wishes to be the local plan making authority. It is considered that, in this case, Council should not be given plan making authority due to the scale of the proposal which affects the entire LGA. The Department also considers it is best placed to ensure compliance with the Standard Instrument LEP and model clause requirements at finalisation.

The amending LEP is to be finalised within nine months of the date of the Gateway determination. However, it is acknowledged that to meet the priority funding arrangements, Council is required to submit its LEP to the Department for finalisation by 30 June 2020.

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 Kris Walsh to assist you. Mr Walsh can be contacted on 9274 6299

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. McDonald', is positioned below the closing text.

11 March 2020

Malcolm McDonald
Acting Executive Director, Eastern Harbour City
Greater Sydney, Place and Infrastructure

Encl: Gateway determination