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Our Reference: 6399 DS:KF

Ms Rachel Cumming Director – Metropolitan Delivery Department of Planning & Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

15 May 2014

Dear Ms Cumming,

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO TIMEFRAME OF QUEEN VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOME PLANNING PROPOSAL

The purpose of this letter is to seek an extension to the specified gateway timeframe for the planning proposal detailed below:

Queen Victoria Memorial Home (PP_2013_WOLLY_003_00)

Gateway Determination (Original): 26 March 2013

<u>Timeframe for completion:</u> 12 months from the week following the date of the Gateway Determination, being 2 April 2014. Since that time this planning proposal has received a revised Gateway Determination, issued on 4 December. This revised Gateway Determination had a six month timeframe from the week following the date of the Gateway Determination and therefore lapses on 11 June 2014.

Current Status:

Council is preparing a response to the comments received from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) during consultation on specialist studies. These issues relate to biodiversity, flooding & Aboriginal cultural heritage. Discussions have been had with OEH, as well as with the proponent and the proponent's consultant regarding these matters. Council is awaiting additional information for the Flora & Fauna study and is reviewing information for the Flood Study. Once this process is complete, a response will be provided to OEH. If objections are raised by OEH to the proposed amendments, then these will be raised with Planning & Infrastructure.

Accordingly it is unlikely that there will be sufficient time to undertake the above tasks, community consultation, a report to Council and mapping finalisation to complete the proposal before 11 June 2014.

Expected timeline for completion:

Project detail	Timeframe	Timeline
Prepare/receive additional information to address OEH concerns & submit to OEH	3 weeks	6 June 2014
Await and review OEH response	4 weeks	4 July 2014
Public Exhibition including preparation	6 weeks	15 August 2014
Timeframe for consideration of submissions and report to Council	2 months	20 October 2014
Timeframe for preparation of final maps including any amendments	6 weeks	1 December 2014
Anticipated date Council will forward to Parliamentary Counsel for an Opinion	8 weeks (from Council meeting)	15 December 2014
Anticipated date Council will forward to the Department for notification after liaising with PC & making the plan	3 months	15 March 2015

Requested Gateway Extension:

In view of the above, Council requests a nine month extension until March 2015 to complete the planning proposal.

Council Contact

Should you have any questions regarding this planning proposal please contact Karl Fetterplace, Strategic Planner direct on phone (02) 4677 8285 or via e-mail at karl.fetterplace@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me direct on phone (02) 4677 1138 or via e-mail at <u>david.smith@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au</u>.

Yours faithfully

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