



Planning & Infrastructure

Office of the Director General

Mr David Kettle
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Dear Mr Kettle

I refer to your letter to your letter of 1 June 2011 concerning a proposed amendment to State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area), 2009 – Bunnings Warehouse Proposal. The Director General has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Your letter recommends that the *Department give consideration to an amendment to Schedule 1 of SEPP (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009 to include hardware and building supplies and garden supplies as a permissible land use for this site.*

The Department has considered process options available for the assessment of your request and has no objections in principle with your proposed amendments. It is recommended that Bunnings discuss the proposal with Blacktown City Council and seek a planning proposal amendment. This is an established process that will allow the consideration of the proposal by both Council and the Department through the LEP Gateway process.

Your letter indicates that Blacktown City Council's Manager of Planning is supportive of the proposed amendment to Schedule 1 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Western Sydney Employment Area) 2009. It is recommended that you discuss the formal planning proposal process with Council.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for David Fitzgibbon, , Office of Director General - Project Delivery Unit, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. He can be contacted on telephone number (02) 9228 6169.

Yours sincerely

Robert Black
Executive Director Land Release (Planning and Delivery)

Cc: Phillip Drew, Development Approvals Manager, Bunnings.