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Dear Mr Brett Newman

**Planning proposal PP\_2019\_COPAR\_007\_00 to amend Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2011 and Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013**

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 'switch off' Clause 4.6 Exceptions to Development Standards for certain land within the Epping Town Centre in relation to floor space ratio controls.

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. This includes a requirement for a sunset clause to be imposed should the planning proposal proceed to finalisation to enable the need for the proposed switching off of Clause 4.6 to be reconsidered after 3 years in the context of the planned traffic and transport improvements for the Epping Town Centre.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistency with section 9.1 Direction 6.3 Site Specific Provisions is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction.

I have considered Council's request to be the local plan-making authority and have determined not to condition the Gateway for Council to be the local plan-making authority as the proposal seeks to amend a standard clause.

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 for the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to draft and finalise the LEP should be made eight weeks prior to the projected publication date.

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 Ms Jazmin van Veen to assist you. Ms van Veen can be contacted on 9373 2877.

Yours sincerely



10.03.2020

**Catherine Van Laeren**  
**Acting Executive Director**  
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Encl: Gateway determination