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Minister for Planning

WARPP  
appointment as RPA  
18/3/16

Mr Gordon Kirkby  
Chair  
Western Joint Regional Planning Panel  
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Dear Mr Kirkby *Gordon,*

I refer to the request for a pre-Gateway review (PGR\_2015\_DUBBO\_001\_00) for a proposal to amend the *Dubbo Local Environmental Plan 2011* to reduce the minimum lot size of land known as Daisy Hill, Dubbo from 8 hectares to a range of minimum lot sizes, being 6,000m<sup>2</sup>, 1.5 hectares and 3 hectares. The proposal aims to facilitate the creation of 284 residential allotments with the land remaining zone R5 Large Lot Residential.

I have considered the proposal, advice from the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel (Panel) and the letter sent to the Panel on the 30 November 2015 confirming that the Department of Planning and Environment supports the preparation of a planning proposal for Gateway determination.

As Dubbo City Council has declined the offer to act as the relevant planning authority I have decided that an alternate relevant planning authority is to be appointed for this matter.

I have decided that the Panel should be the alternate relevant planning authority and will be responsible for progressing the planning proposal through the Gateway and plan making process. The planning proposal is currently being prepared by the proponent in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment requirements. The Department of Planning and Environment will forward the planning proposal to the Panel once received. The Department of Planning and Environment's Western Region team will be available to provide further assistance to the Panel Secretariat to progress this matter if necessary.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Jenna McNabb at the Department of Planning and Environment on (02) 6841 2180.

Yours sincerely

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