



Mr Ken Ross
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Dear Mr Ross

Planning proposal [PP_2019_WENTW_001_00] to amend Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011

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) and additional information received on 16/07/2020 in respect of the planning proposal to rezone land at North Road, Gol Gol to RU5 Village Zone.

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.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the planning proposal's inconsistency with section 9.1 Direction 1.2 Rural Zones is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have conditioned the Gateway for Council to be authorised as the local plan-making authority.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 12 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 to draft and finalise the LEP should be made directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office six weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

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 Meredith McIntyre, Senior Planning Officer, from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Western Region office, to assist you. Ms McIntyre can be contacted on 6229 7912.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DP', written over a faint circular stamp.

30.7.20

Damien Pfeiffer
Director, Regions Western
Planning and Assessment Division

Encl: Gateway determination
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