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Attention: Tristan Kell

Dear Mr Knight

Planning Proposals to Rezone Land at Gumly, Wagga Wagga

I refer to the planning proposals PP_2012_WAGGA_007_00 and PP_2013_WAGGA_004_00 to rezone land at Gumly to B6 Enterprise Corridor Zone. As you will be aware, these planning proposals received Gateway determinations to proceed to publicly exhibition in November 2012 and July 2013 respectively.

I understand that in November 2014, Council received an objection to both planning proposals from the Office of Environment and Heritage in relation to flood risks and cumulative impacts.

I am aware that Council commenced a Floodplain Risk Management Plan partly funded by the Office of Environment and Heritage in early 2016. This Plan is expected to provide some certainty of the potential impacts of flooding on the subject land. Unfortunately this Plan has not been completed and I understand it is not due to be finalised until the end of 2017.

You may be aware that the Department has now issued four extensions of time for PP_2012_WAGGA_007_00 and three extensions of time for PP_2013_WAGGA_004_00 to be completed by mid-2018. Noting recent discussion on the progress of the Floodplain Risk Management Plan, it appears unlikely that these extended timeframes will be met.

Given the uncertainty around the possible timeframes to complete the process for these planning proposals, Council is strongly encouraged to withdraw both planning proposals at this time. Assuming the findings of the Floodplain Risk Management Plan demonstrate that the proposed rezonings are suitable to proceed, Council would be welcome to then reconsider the proposals and resubmit either separate or a combined planning proposal to the Department for consideration.

I have arranged for Ms Meredith McIntyre to be available if you would like to discuss this matter further. Meredith can be contacted on 6229 7912.

Yours sincerely


Karen Armstrong 30/3/17
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