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Dear Peter

**Planning proposal PP\_2019\_WAGGA\_012\_00 to amend Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010**

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 rezone land at Pearson Street, Wagga Wagga from RE1 Public Recreation and B5 Business Development to B5 Business Development and SP2 Infrastructure 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 Directions Business and Industrial Zones is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. In relation to section 9.1 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes, I have agreed to the reduction of land for public purposes on the basis that the land is no longer required for public purposes. No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

It is noted that Council has requested to be authorised as the local plan-making authority. 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 Mr Will Mayes to assist you. Mr Mayes can be contacted on 8275 1050.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Lees', with a stylized, cursive script.

13 January 2020

**Sarah Lees**  
**Director, Southern Region**  
**Local and Regional Planning**

Encl: Gateway determination  
Authorised plan-making reporting template