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Dear Sir

Planning Proposal - Reclassification of Council Land 2016-1 (REZ2016/0004)

I refer to your letter of 22 June 2016 in respect of the above.

It has been decided to break the proposed land reclassification into two (2) planning proposals the first of which will deal with nine (9) land parcels with which Council intends to deal with more immediately in terms of land disposal or land swap. It is emphasised that in essence the principal reason for and purpose of the planning proposal is to reaffirm the intention of public land reclassifications of a range of land parcels that were intended to be classified as operational by various Council resolutions as far back as 22 years ago.

Please find enclosed Council's planning proposal entitled "*Planning Proposal - Reclassification of Council Land 2016-1*". The purpose of the planning proposal is to reclassify from "community" to "operational" a range of Council owned public lands (nine in this case) that were originally intended to be classified as "operational". The revised planning proposal provides written statements (Appendix 9) addressing the matters specified in the Department's Practice Note PN09-003 (dated 2/6/2009) as well the additional matters (dot points) specified by your letter of 22 June 2016.

Council's resolution of 17 May 2016 in respect of this matter is still relevant. This was conveyed to you in Council's letter dated 14 June 2016.

Council estimates that a timeframe of up to 7 months should suffice for this project provided that a Gateway determination does not impose conditions that are onerous to satisfy e.g. such as the carrying out of any additional technical studies or investigations. Refer to section 7, Part 6 - PROJECT TIMELINE of the enclosed planning proposal document which provides a project timeline.

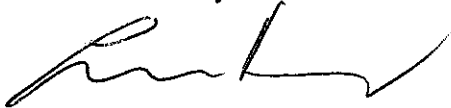
As the reclassification of the lands is not proposing to extinguish any public reserve status or change or extinguish any other interests in the lands it is Council's view that there is no need to obtain the Governor's approval under section 30 of the Local Government Act 1993.

The completed Attachment 4 - Evaluation criteria for the delegation of plan making function and completed Attachment 1 - Information Checklist submitted with in Council's letter dated 14 June 2016 still stand.

Council now requests that the Department give consideration to the issue of a Gateway determination at its earliest opportunity. It should be noted that Council is NOT requesting the Ministers plan making delegations in this instance.

Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss the matter please contact me on telephone 66 430243 or David Morrison, Manager Strategic & Economic Planning on telephone 66 430204.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Dwyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terry Dwyer
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