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Attention: Andrew Watson

Dear Mr McKee

**Planning proposal PP_2018_KURIN_004_00 – Alteration of Gateway
Determination**

I write in regard to planning proposal PP_2018_KURIN_004_00 which seeks to amend the Ku-ring-gai Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2015 to rezone, amend associated planning controls and reclassify land at 4 Pennant Avenue, Gordon from community to operational.

I understand that the Department communicated its Planning Reform Action Plan (the Plan) in a letter to Council in late 2020, with a specific focus on working together to resolve delayed and old planning proposals. In addition, the Department wrote to Council on 23 February 2021 indicating the intention to alter this Gateway determination to not proceed, in accordance with the Plan.

I acknowledge Council's informal response that it does not support this approach and also note that Council subsequently submitted a revised planning proposal on 26 March 2021, to respond to the Gateway determination conditions and to seek to progress to public exhibition. Council's updated timetable advised the proposal could be finalised by September 2021, although November 2021 would be a more realistic timeframe. This equates to 21 months from Gateway to finalisation, well in excess of the Gateway's 12 month LEP timeframe.

Notwithstanding Council's efforts and progress in revising the proposal, the timeframe to make the LEP lapsed on 17 February 2021 and the proposal had not yet reached public exhibition stage. This is contrary to the Plan which aims to reduce assessment timeframes and ensure planning proposals are finalised within 1 year of Gateway determination.

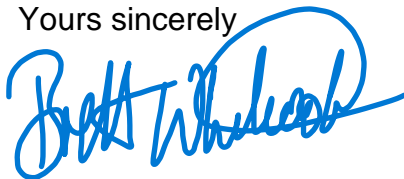
As such, I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 3.34(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to alter the Gateway determination dated 17 February 2020 for PP_2018_KURIN_004_00 in accordance

with the Alteration of Gateway determination enclosed, which determines that the proposal should no longer proceed.

The Department recommends that Council resubmit the revised planning proposal for Gateway determination. I also advise that the Department has assessed Council's revised proposal and that the information provided satisfies the related Gateway conditions. As a result, if the proposal is resubmitted by Council, the Department would be able to promptly issue a revised Gateway approval without the previous pre-exhibition conditions, enabling a short timeframe for its finalisation.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Michael Cividin to assist you. Mr Cividin can be contacted on 9860 1554 or Michael.Cividin@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



30 May 2021

Brett Whitworth
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Encl: Alteration of Gateway determination