

Mr G Dyer Interim General Manager City of Parramatta Council PO Box 32 PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

Dear Mr. Dyer

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal for 153 Macquarie Street and Part 1A Civic Place, Parramatta.

As delegate of the Greater Sydney Commission, I have now determined the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the attached Gateway determination.

Plan making powers were delegated to councils in October 2012. It is noted that Council has not requested to be issued with delegation for this planning proposal as the site is in Council ownership. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have decided not to issue an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this plan.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 12 months of the week following 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 6 weeks prior to the projected publication date. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment's Sydney Region West office for administrative purposes.

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 Greater Sydney Commission may take action under section 54(2)(d) of the Act if the time frames outlined in this determination are not met.

Should you have any queries in regard to this matter, I have arranged for Ms Lillian Charlesworth of the Department's regional office to assist you. Ms Charlesworth can be contacted on (02) 9869 1510.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Murray
Executive Director, Regions

Planning Services

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Gateway Determination