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Dear Mr Edgar

*Michael*

**Planning proposal to amend The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2012**

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination in respect of the planning proposal to prohibit cemeteries and places of public worship and to amend site coverage requirements for the RU6 Transition Zone under The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2012.

The Greater Sydney Commission is reviewing the need for land for cemeteries and crematoria in the Greater Sydney region. On completion of the review, the Commission has asked the Department of Planning and Environment to consult with it on appropriate strategic planning options for the provision of cemeteries and crematoria in the region.

To avoid pre-empting the outcomes of this work, any current planning proposals that seek to amend or prohibit existing cemeteries and crematoria uses will not proceed to Gateway until the review and strategic planning options have been completed.

I apologise for the delay regarding this matter and I assure Council that every effort will be made to move this matter forward as quickly as possible.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Adrian Hohenzollern of the Department's Sydney Region West team to assist you. Mr Hohenzollern can be contacted on 9860 1505.

Yours sincerely

**Marcus Ray**  
Deputy Secretary  
Planning Services

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