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Attn: Mr David Smith

Dear Mr Smith,

**Planning proposal PP\_2016\_LPOOL\_003\_03 – Alteration of Gateway Determination**

Thank you for your email correspondence dated 7 December 2020 providing an update on the status of this proposal, and seeking Department's feedback on the Middleton Grange planning proposal (please note, this planning proposal has a new reference number: PP\_2020\_LPOOL\_009\_00, please use this reference in future correspondence).

The Department has considered the planning proposal (dated October 2019) and Council's independent assessment undertaken by Hill PDA. The Department acknowledges that HillPDA make several recommendations in relation to the proposal, and that more time is required for adequate consideration of these recommendations. As such, the proposal cannot be finalised by the current 31 December 2020 deadline.

In response to Council's request for advice, the Department considers it appropriate that the proponent be provided an opportunity to respond to the HillPDA report. Council can take the proponents views into consideration prior to finalising the local voluntary planning agreement and final recommendation to Council. The planning proposal can then be forwarding to the Department for finalisation.

To enable this to occur, 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 to provide an extension of time to finalise the proposal. The key milestones for Council to progress this proposal is included in the attached Gateway alteration (which uses the new reference PP\_2020\_LPOOL\_009\_00).

The Department will continue to work with Council to finalise the planning proposal in 2021.

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.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Mr Frankie Liang to assist you. Mr Liang can be contacted on 8289 6671.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Liang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

23/12/2020

**Adrian Hohenzollern**  
**Director, Western**  
**Central River City and Western Parkland City**

Encl: 1. Alteration of Gateway Determination;