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Mr Jim Betts
Secretary
NSW Department of Planning, Industry and
Environment
GPO Box 39
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Attention: Ms Amanda Harvey and Mr Nick Armstrong

Dear Mr Betts,

Re: St Leonards South Planning Proposal - Request for Extension of Time

I am writing to request that a further extension of time be granted to determine Planning Proposal 25 for the St Leonards South precinct.

Background

Council previously submitted Planning Proposal 25 and associated documents to NSW Planning & Environment on 19 May 2016 and received Gateway Determination. An extension of time was requested in order that it proceed to public exhibition – this was granted, and the Department issued an extension till 2 June 2018 to complete this LEP. Council then submitted its response to the Gateway conditions which were confirmed satisfactory by the Department on 20 October 2017, allowing public exhibition to proceed. The Proposal and supporting documents were publicly exhibited from 30 October 2017 to 5 January 2018, along with two community drop-in sessions.

Following this, Council resolved that final consideration of Planning Proposal 25 be deferred until after the St Leonards & Crows Nest Draft 2036 Plan documents were finalised. A further 12 month extension was subsequently granted to 2 June 2019.

These draft plans were released for public comment from October 2018 to early February 2019 and Planning Proposal 25 was referred to the Independent Planning Commission for advice – which was provided on 23 July 2019. The Department recently conducted a Design Charette with the Government Architect to provide guidance to Council. While the results of the Charette will soon be available, it is considered that a further extension of time is needed to complete the Proposal. This would allow sufficient time to consider the Planning Proposal against the advice of the Commission and the Charette before it is reported back to Council for determination.

Conclusion

Given that Council is yet to provide its response to the Independent Planning Commission advice and Design Charette, it is unlikely that Council would be able to meet the revised Gateway Determination deadline of 2 December 2019. Council therefore formally request a further 12 month extension of time to the Gateway Determination for Planning Proposal 25 in order to finalise the amendment.

Please feel welcome to contact me on 9911 3516 if you would like to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Pelcz
Coordinator - Strategic Planning