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Mr Peter Head
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Dear Mr Head

Planning proposal to amend Leichhardt Local Environmental Plan 2013

I am writing in response to your Council's letter dated 18 September 2014 requesting a Gateway determination under section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal (as amended 23 October 2014) to amend Schedule 1 to provide for additional permitted uses for an existing building on Leichhardt Oval No 1.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, 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 by the Minister in October 2012. It is noted that Council has requested to be issued with delegation for this planning proposal. I have considered the nature of Council's planning proposal and have decided to issue an authorisation for Council to exercise delegation to make this plan.

Council is to consult with Crown Lands, a division of NSW Trade and Investment, on the planning proposal prior to the commencement of public exhibition. Council is reminded that it must not use its delegation under section 59 of the Act where there is an unresolved agency objection to the draft LEP.

The amending Local Environmental Plan is to be finalised within 6 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 Local Environmental Plan 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 regional team for administrative purposes.

The State Government is committed to reducing the time taken to complete Local Environmental Plans 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 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 Casey Farrell of the Department of Planning and Environment's regional office to assist. Ms Farrell can be contacted on (02) 8575 4132.

Yours sincerely,



Lee Mulvey
Director, Metropolitan Delivery (CBD)
Planning Services

Encl:
Gateway Determination
Written Authorisation to Exercise Delegation
Attachment 5 – Delegated Plan Making Reporting Template