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Dear Mr Farmer

**Planning proposal [PP\_2018\_WOLLG\_006\_00] to amend Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009 – Reclassify/rezone five surplus council properties**

I am writing in response to Council's request for a Gateway determination under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in respect of the planning proposal to reclassify five council-owned properties at Coniston, Warrawong, Lake Heights and Fairy Meadow; rezone two of the properties from RE1 Public Recreation to a residential zone; apply appropriate development controls; and remove all interests from the title of these properties.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning, I have now determined that the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination.

I have agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, to the reduction of land zoned for public purposes as required by section 9.1 Direction 6.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes on the basis that the land is surplus to the needs of Council and is not currently used for a community purpose. I have agreed that the proposal is consistent with all relevant section 9.1 Directions and that no further approval is required in relation to these Directions.

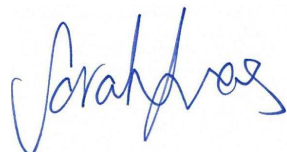
It is noted that Council has requested to be authorised as the local plan-making authority. While I agree that this proposal is of local significance, I am unable to issue plan-making delegation as the LEP involves the removal of interests and requires the approval of the Governor – please see the Department of Planning and Environment Practice Note 16-001.

The amending Local Environmental Plan (LEP) is to be finalised within 12 months of the date of the Gateway determination. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request for the Department of Planning and Environment to draft and finalise the LEP should be made 8 weeks prior to the projected publication date.

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.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Louise Myler to assist you. Louise can be contacted on 4224 9463.

Yours sincerely



**13 June 2018**

**Sarah Lees**  
**Director Regions, Southern**  
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Encl: Gateway determination