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Dear Mr Berry

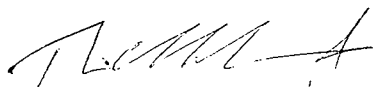
I refer to Council's planning proposal for exempt and complying development amendments and request for an extension of time to continue work on the proposal. I am pleased to advise that I am prepared to grant Council an extension of time until 31st March 2011 to complete the LEP.

I am advised by the Department's Southern Region that a number of outstanding issues were raised during agency consultations including concerns raised by the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA) on Council's proposal to allow dwellings as complying development on unsewered rural and environment protection land covered by the *Drinking Waters Catchment Regional Environmental Plan No.1* (deemed SEPP). However, I understand that the SCA has indicated that it is prepared to work further with Council to attempt to resolve these concerns.

The Department is currently preparing a draft amendment to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Codes) 2008 (Codes SEPP)* which will address a number of the matters covered by Council's planning proposal. Subject to Council obtaining agency support for its planning proposal, Council should consider applying for a local variation under the Codes SEPP to include the proposed controls as a schedule to the SEPP. This will ensure that the local controls continue to apply after the current transitional arrangements for exempt and complying development schedules expire in September 2011.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, Mr George Curtis, Plan Making and Urban Renewal - Wollongong Planning Team, of the Department of Planning can assist you. He can be contacted on telephone number (02) 4224 9465.

Yours sincerely



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