

Office of the Director General

Mr David Farmer General Manager Wollongong City Council Locked Bag 8821 Wollongong NSW 2500

Dear Mr Farmer,

I refer to your letters of 17 August 2012 and 12 October 2012 advising Council has resolved not to proceed with the Planning Proposal (PP_2012_WOLLG_002) to increase building height and floor space ratio controls to facilitate a multi storey seniors housing development at Corrimal and Beach Streets, Wollongong.

I note Council has requested under section 58(4) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)* that the Minister determine the Planning Proposal should no longer proceed.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I have altered my determination of 21 March 2012, under section 56(7) of the EP&A Act by determining that the Planning Proposal forwarded to the Department on 21 February 2012 (PP_2012_WOLLG_002) should not proceed.

While I have decided to support Council's request, I recognise the potential for substantial economic and social benefits associated with the proposal. I request Council to expedite its review of the planning controls for this area so the proposal can be considered in the context of the revised controls.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Brett Whitworth, Regional Director, Southern Region of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. Mr Whitworth can be contacted on telephone number 4224 9450.

Yours sincerely

Sam Haddad

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21/12/2012.