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Dear Mr Clark

RE: Suggested timeframes for exhibition of Jerberra Estate Planning Proposal

The Department has considered your letter of 8th September 2011 where Council is seeking a reconsideration of the suggested timeframes to publically exhibit the Jerberra Estate Planning Proposal within four weeks and finalise the amending LEP with 12 months. I also understand that you have discussed the matter with Mr Jeff Horn from the Department's LEP Panel.

I acknowledge that the four week timeframe to place the Planning Proposal on public exhibition is unachievable in light of the need to complete further environmental studies prior to placing the Planning Proposal on public exhibition.

I would consider that a six month timeframe to place this Planning Proposal on public exhibition would be more achievable and would still allow for the Proposal to be notified within the 12 month deadline. I hope, given the urgency of this rezoning, that Council and the Department can continue to work co-operatively to see the Planning Proposal exhibited earlier.

The NSW Government is committed to reducing the time taken to prepare an LEP and has set a 12 month limit for the completion of major land release and urban renewal rezonings. As such I am unable to amend the 12 month timeframe to complete the Proposal.

I look forward to reviewing the Planning Proposal with the revisions identified in the Gateway Determination prior to Proposal being placed on public exhibition.

Please contact Lisa Kennedy on 4224 9457 should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



21 September 2011

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