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Attn: Mr Marcus Rowan

Dear Mr Barrett

I refer to Marrickville Council's correspondence of 2 October 2014 advising of Council's 2 September 2014 resolution regarding the planning proposal for part of the Marrickville/Sydenham industrial lands – Victoria Road Precinct.

I note Council sought the Department of Planning and Environment's advice in relation to a number of strategic planning matters affecting the Victoria Road Precinct. This advice is attached (**Attachment 1**). I also note Council has formally lodged the planning proposal for consideration of the Gateway.

I understand, at the 2 December 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council considered the Marrickville Employment Lands Study and resolved to publicly exhibit the study until 27 February 2014. The study recommends the Marrickville/Sydenham industrial precinct (including the Victoria Road Precinct) be protected as subregionally significant, emphasising the industrial lands support role for Sydney Airport and Port Botany. The planning proposal, in its current form, is inconsistent with this study.

The macro strategic planning matters raised by Council have been considered along with information provided as part of the planning proposal. Given its extent and significance, the planning proposal does not satisfactorily address the range of issues needing consideration as part of a Gateway determination. Further, it would be premature to advance a planning proposal for this precinct without undertaking a full assessment against the new Metropolitan Strategy for Sydney, *A Plan for Growing Sydney*, released on 14 December 2014, and prior to the finalisation of the Marrickville Employment Lands Study.

I therefore request Council withdraw the planning proposal to incorporate the recommendations of the study and allow for further investigation of the strategic merit of retaining the Victoria Road industrial lands in the context of the broader local government area and subregion. The Department is available to work with Council in this regard.

Should you have any further questions about this advice, please contact Mr Lee Mulvey, Director of the Department's Metropolitan Delivery (CBD) team, on (02) 8575 4140.

Yours sincerely



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Encl: Attachment 1 – response to Council's key issues