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Attention: Susan Appleyard, Director Development and Environmental Services

Dear Mr Butler

Planning proposal PP-2021-7453 to consolidate the Corowa LEP 2012 and the Urana LEP 2011 to create a single LEP for the Federation Council local government area

I am writing in response to the planning proposal you have forwarded to the Minister under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) and additional information received on 25/03/2022 in respect of the planning proposal to create a single LEP for the Federation Council local government area.

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

The Department supports the intent of the planning proposal to create a consolidated LEP for Federation, however, additional information is required to support the planning proposal prior to community and agency consultation. Please refer to condition 1 of the Gateway determination as well as the information contained in the supporting Gateway determination report.

Given the planning proposal is a principal LEP amendment I have determined not to authorise Council to be the local plan-making authority.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 8/04/2023 (ie 12 months) 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 eight weeks in advance of the date the LEP is projected to be made.

The NSW Government has committed to reduce the time taken to complete LEPs. To meet these commitments, the Minister may appoint an alternate planning proposal authority if Council does not meet the timeframes outlined in the gateway determination.

The Department's categorisation of planning proposals in the Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline (Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, 2021) is supported by category specific timeframes for satisfaction of conditions and authority and Government agency referrals, consultation, and responses. Compliance with milestones will be monitored by the Department to ensure planning proposals are progressing as required.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Tim Collins to assist you. Mr Collins can be contacted on 02 5852 6800.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W Garnsey', written in a cursive style.

8 April 2022

Wayne Garnsey
Acting Director, Western Region
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Encl: Gateway determination