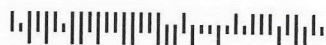
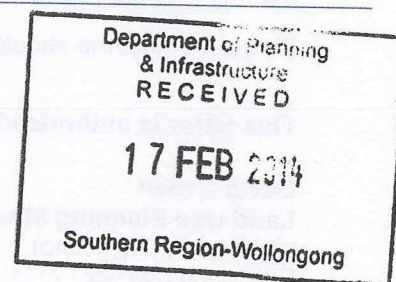




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Dear Mr Whitworth

PLANNING PROPOSAL (PP_2012_WOLLG_001_00) – GLENIFFER BRAE

Reference is made to your letter dated 5 February 2014 concerning the status of the Gleniffer Brae Planning Proposal.

As you are aware Council on 10 December 2012 resolved:

- 1 Council not proceed with the reclassification and rezoning of Lot 3 DP 252694 at this stage.
- 2 Council engage with the community to explore options for the long term management and use of Gleniffer Brae and the remainder of Lot 3 DP 252694.
- 3 Council enter into discussions with the University of Wollongong, the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music, and the community, about options for locating a Creative Arts Facility and the Conservatorium closer to the City Centre.

On 29 January 2013, Council re-considered the matter through a rescission motion and resolved that:

Council rescind its resolution of 10 December 2012 (Minute No 330) relating to Item 1 of Council General Business – Planning Proposal for Gleniffer Brae – Lot 3 DP 252694, Corner Murphys Avenue and Robsons Road, Keiraville.

Council subsequently resolved that:

- 1 Council provide a report detailing what funding amount would be needed to retain the integrity of the Gleniffer Brae Manor House and the Botanic Garden, and consider options to provide current stakeholders with mutually beneficial outcomes.
- 2 Council consider and work with stakeholders to provide a future plan for the SCEGGS buildings that achieves important outcomes without detriment to the integrity of the total property.
- 3 Council retain ownership of the property and consider only lease options showing benefit to Wollongong Council and the community.

Subsequently, the University of Wollongong has announced that it is not proceeding with the rezoning proposal.

Council is finalising a new lease to the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music for their continuing use of part of the site.

Council has yet to determine the future of the balance of the site.

Although Council has not formally resolved on the matter, the current Planning Proposal is not going to be progressed. Depending on Council's deliberations, Council may resolve to commence a new draft Planning Proposal and seek a new Gateway determination.

Accordingly, it is requested that the Minister (or his delegate) be requested to determine under Section 58(4) of the Act, that the matter not proceed.

Please contact me should you require further information.

This letter is authorised by

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