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Attention: Simon Porter

Dear Ms Barrett

Blue Mountains Local Environmental Plan 2015 (Amendment No 16)

I refer to Council's letters of 11 October 2022 and 3 November 2022, relating to Gateway determination for the above planning proposal, requesting condition no.1 be removed to allow the proposal to be exhibited with the inclusion of the proposed stormwater management amendments.

I understand Council staff recently meet with the Department's Director - Codes and Approval, where the incompatibility of clause 6.9 with the Low Rise Code was discussed, as well as, the need to establish criteria for water quality, and the discharge regime, to allow certification to proceed under the Code. I also understand that the Director indicated the Department would investigate options to address the management of stormwater disposal.

While I appreciate that Council officers seek to include an intent to seek an outcome-based solution in the planning proposal at the exhibition stage and determine actual controls at a later time, further work is required on this matter prior to exhibition therefore the Department's position is that the Gateway determination remain unaltered.

I have asked that Mr Terry Doran assist Council to have further discussions with the Director – Codes and Approval, to further investigate appropriate standards, which can inform a future planning proposal. This approach will allow for appropriate consideration to be given to the matter and will not delay the exhibition of amendment 16 under the current Gateway determination.

Mr Doran can be contacted on 9860 1579.

Yours sincerely



16 Nov 2022

Adrian Hohenzollern
Director
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