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Our ref: PP-2022-3697/ GA-2023-23 /(IRF23/999)

Attention: Kelly McNicol

Dear Mr Stonestreet

**Planning proposal PP-2022-3697 – Alteration of Gateway Determination GA-2023-23
Griffith LEP 2014 – General Amendment- post exhibition changes.**

I refer to your letter dated 21 April 2023 and further information provided on 9 May 2023 and 13 June 2023 in relation to the request to Alter the Gateway determination to address post exhibition changes to include Lot 2 DP 1267636 Oakes Road, Yoogali and omit Lot 2 DP 848433 79 Smeeth Road, Griffith. Your correspondence of 13 June 2023 confirmed the intention of the resolution of 28 March 2023 was subsequently clarified by Council on 11 April 2023.

I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 3.34(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to alter the Gateway determination dated 23 December 2022 for PP-2022-3697. The Alteration of Gateway determination GA-2023-23 is enclosed.

The initial planning proposal submitted by Council for Gateway in 2022 did not include sufficient explanation and justification to allow the proposal to proceed to public exhibition. The Department worked with Council to get the planning proposal to an adequate standard during which time Council expressed its concern about delay given the urgency of providing new housing opportunities in Griffith. Considering that urgency, it was expected that Council would progress the planning proposal to finalisation as soon as possible following exhibition.

Council's inclusion of Lot 2 DP 1267636 Oakes Road requires re-exhibition of the planning proposal to allow community and agency consultation. Given Council's advice on the urgency of this planning proposal, the preferred approach would have been to finalise the planning proposal without this land and rezone it separately.

Council is to ensure that the LEP amendment progresses quickly and is finalised no later than 23 September 2023. If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Mr Tim Collins to assist you. Mr Collins can be contacted on 52586800.

Yours sincerely



14 June 2023

Garry Hopkins
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Encl: Alteration of Gateway Determination