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Our ref: IRF23/8988

Dear Mr McMahon

Planning proposal PP-2022-3996 to amend Bega Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013

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 8 August 2023 in respect of the planning proposal to change the Height of Building standard from 16m to 26m at 119 Main Street Merimbula.

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

Considering the nature of the planning proposal I have determined that Council may exercise local plan-making authority functions in relation to the planning proposal.

The proposed local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 19th May 2024. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible.

Parliamentary Counsel's Office is not responsible for the drafting of map-only amendments to LEPs. Requests for legal drafting for map-only amendments must instead be sent to mapinstrument.drafting@dpie.nsw.gov.au. The relevant Department of Planning and Environment team contact should be copied into the request. The request must include the drafting instruction template, planning proposal and gateway determination.

The Department's categorisation of planning proposals in the *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (Department of Planning 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 Mr Graham Judge to assist you. Mr Judge can be contacted on 6229 7906.

Yours sincerely



19/8/2023

Daniel Thompson
Director, Southern Region
Local and Regional Planning

Encl: Gateway determination