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Our ref: 545032

Dear Ms Dillon

**Planning proposal [PP-2022-936] to amend Blue Mountains Local Environmental Plan 2015 (Amendment No 17)**

I am writing in response to Council's planning proposal submitted to the Minister under section 3.34(1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act), which seeks to make changes to the local planning framework to facilitate creative industries and provide a clear approval pathway for local cultural events.

While I support Council's intent and appreciate the issues that have prompted the amendments, the proposal must align to the Standard Instrument LEP (SI LEP) framework to satisfy legal drafting requirements. Therefore, as delegate of the Minister for Planning, I have determined under section 3.34(2)(b) of the Act that the proposal is to be resubmitted for a Gateway determination following revision.

To assist, I have met with Council staff to discuss the proposal and changes required. For example, consideration should be given to the newly introduced 'creative industry' definition. While this Standard Instrument definition is mandatory, Council now can seek to amend the local environmental plan to accommodate the permissibility of the use.

The Department is keen to assist Council to progress this proposal. I have arranged for Mr Terry Doran to be available in this regard. Mr Doran can be contacted on 9860 1579.

Yours sincerely



12 May 2022

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