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Our ref: PP-2023-1091/IRF23/1075

Attention: Claire Johnstone, Manager Development Assessment

Dear Mr Dicker,

**Planning proposal PP-2023-1091 to amend Blayney Local Environmental Plan 2012 –
Reclassification of Community to Operational Land.**

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) on 23 May 2023 in respect of the planning proposal to reclassify Clarke Street from Community to Operational land.

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.

I have determined not to authorise Council to be the local plan-making authority as Council is the owner of the subject land and the proposal involves the reclassification of land.

Council is reminded to follow the reclassification and public hearing procedure as outlined in LEP Practice Note PN 16-001 - Classification and reclassification of public land through a local environmental plan and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*. To assist you with the reclassification process I have enclosed the practice note for your consideration.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised within nine (9) months. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request for the Department of Planning and Environment, Western Region Office (westernregion@planning.nsw.gov.au) to draft and finalise the LEP should be made eight (8) weeks in advance of the date the LEP is projected to be made.

The NSW Government has committed to reduce the time taken to complete LEPs. To meet these commitments, the Minister may appoint an alternate planning proposal authority if Council does not meet the timeframes outlined in the Gateway determination.

The Department's categorisation of planning proposals in the *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (Department of Planning and Environment, 2022) 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 Ms Shili Wang to assist you. Ms Wang can be contacted on 02 5852 6800.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Hopkins', with a stylized, cursive script.

Garry Hopkins
Director, Western Region
Local and Regional Planning

Encl: Gateway determination
LEP Practice Note PN 16-001 - Classification and reclassification of public land through a local
environmental plan