



**Department of Planning and Environment**

Mr Ken Ross  
General Manager  
Wentworth Shire Council  
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Our ref: IRF 23/2319

Dear Mr Ross,

**Planning proposal (PP-2023-1662) to amend Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011 – River Road and Golf Course Road, Dareton.**

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 18 September 2023 in respect of the planning proposal to reduce the minimum lot size on subject land in Dareton.

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.

Council may still need to obtain the agreement of the Secretary to comply with the requirements of relevant applicable directions of the Minister under section 9.1 of the Act.

I have determined not to authorise Council to be the local plan-making authority due to Council's limited resources.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 1 June 2024. 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 to draft and finalise the LEP should be made at least eight 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, 2023) 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 Rebecca Martin to assist you. Ms Martin can be contacted on 02 5852 6810.

Yours sincerely

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

13 October 2023

**Garry Hopkins**  
**Director, Western Region**  
**Local and Regional Planning**

Encl: Gateway determination