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Attention: David Green, Land Use Planning Manager

Dear Mr Green

Planning proposal PP-2023-1971 to amend Wollongong Local Environmental Plan 2009

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) in respect of the planning proposal to reclassify the site at 340 West Dapto Road, Stream Hill (Lot 1 DP 657171) from Community Land 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.

In relation to Direction 5.2 Reserving Land for Public Purposes, I have agreed any inconsistency is minor as the proposed reclassification will more accurately reflect the intended strategic purpose of the site as a supporting urban release area.

No further approval is required in relation to this Direction.

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, specifically in relation to Direction 4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to public exhibition.

Considering the nature of the planning proposal, which does not change interests or remove a public reserve status 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 22 June 2024. As this is a minor amendment, Council is to request Parliamentary Counsel's Office commence drafting as soon as practicable. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment.

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, August 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 Nikita Lange to assist you. Ms Lange can be contacted on 02 9995 6318.

Yours sincerely



22/9/2023

**Daniel Thompson
Director, Southern Region
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Encl: Gateway determination