



## Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Our ref: PP-2023-2192

IRF24/64

Mr Ken Ross  
General Manager  
Wentworth Shire Council  
PO Box 81  
WENTWORTH NSW 2648

Dear Mr Ross

### Planning proposal PP-2023-2192 to amend Wentworth Local Environmental Plan 2011

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* in respect of the planning proposal to reduce the minimum lot size from 3000m<sup>2</sup> to 2000m<sup>2</sup> at Lot 2 DP875018, 18 Wilga Road, Gol Gol.

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 3 December 2024. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Should Council seek to make a proposed LEP, the request to draft the LEP should be made directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office well in advance of the date the LEP is projected to be made. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment.

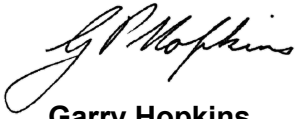
Parliamentary Counsel's Office is not responsible for the drafting of map-only amendments to LEPs. Requests for legal drafting for map-only amendments must instead be sent to [mapinstrument.drafting@dpie.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mapinstrument.drafting@dpie.nsw.gov.au). The Department's Western Region Team should be copied into the request using [westernregion@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:westernregion@planning.nsw.gov.au). The request must include the drafting instruction template, planning proposal and Gateway determination.

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 its *Local Environmental Plan Making Guideline* (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 Rebecca Martin to assist you. Ms Martin can be contacted on 58526810.

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

26 February 2024