



## Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Attention Bryce Weedon

Dear Mr Raines

### **Planning proposal PP-2024-1398 to amend Hilltops Local Environmental Plan 2022**

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 28 June 2024 in respect of the Housekeeping planning proposal to amend clauses, land use tables and mapping.

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 also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the minor inconsistency of the planning proposal with Ministerial direction 9.2 Rural Lands is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to the Directions.

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.

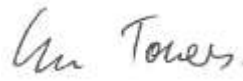
The proposed local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 29 July 2025. As this is a minor amendment, Council is to request Parliamentary Counsel's Office commence drafting as soon as practicable. A copy of the request should be forwarded to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

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, Housing and Infrastructure, 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 Ann Martin to assist you. Ms Martin can be contacted on 42271826.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Gm Towers'.

26/7/24

**Graham Towers**  
**Manager**  
**Southern, Western and Macarthur Region.**  
**Local Planning and Council Support**

Encl: Gateway determination