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Our ref: IRF25/402

Dear Mr Boyd

Planning proposal PP-2024-2598 to amend Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012

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 25 November 2024 in respect of the planning proposal to reclassify Council-owned land legally known as Lot 1 DP 119739 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 to the reduction of land for public purposes on the basis that the reclassification will enable the transfer of a portion of the site which can help fund future and existing infrastructure assets thereby supporting regional and local strategic plans, and will provide Council with greater flexibility to determine how to use its assets.

No further approval is required in relation to the Directions.

I have determined Council is to be the Local Plan Making Authority. While the proposal relates to the reclassification of Council-owned land, no interests are sought to be changed.

The amending of local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 7 November 2025. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request to draft and finalise the LEP should be made directly to Parliamentary Counsel's Office made eight weeks 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, 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 Ian Woods to assist you. Mr Woods can be contacted on (02) 9860 1412.

Yours sincerely



10/3/2025

Chantelle Chow

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Encl: Gateway determination