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Dear Mr Berry

Planning proposal (PP-2024-419) to amend Yass Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013 – Heritage listing of Wee Jasper Fishermen’s Shacks

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 list the Wee Jasper Fishermen’s Shacks as local heritage items in the Yass Valley Local Environmental Plan 2013.

I appreciate the intent of the planning proposal however as delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have determined that the planning proposal should not proceed at this time.

The accompanying information provided by Council in support of the heritage listing is not considered to be current and does not contain sufficient detail required for this matter. I am aware that Crown Lands has commissioned an independent Heritage Assessment and, while in draft form, its findings are that the cabins do not meet the threshold for heritage significance.

In addition, Crown Lands has advised that it opposes the heritage listing of the cabins and notes that it has long been its intention to demolish the cabins to return the land to enable general public recreational use.

I note that a recent survey has identified that six of the nine cabins proposed for heritage listing are located within the Wee Jasper Swinging Bridge Reserve, owned and managed by Crown Lands, with the remaining three cabins sit within the Nottingham Road, road reserve, owned and managed by Yass Valley Council. I understand that all the cabins were historically assumed to be within the Swinging Bridge Reserve. I am advised that Council and Crown Lands are in discussions to resolve these issues.

The Department supports the conservation of heritage items. However, in view of the ongoing negotiations, uncertainty over the future management and land tenure, and the absence of sufficient supporting heritage information, it would be premature to progress a proposal for the heritage listing of the cabins at this time.

I encourage Council to continue to work with Crown Lands to determine the best way to manage the broader reserve and the cabins.

If you would like to discuss this matter please contact Louise Myler, Planning Officer – Southern, Western and Macarthur Region, at the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure. Louise may be contacted on 4247 1822.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Chantelle Chow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Encl: Gateway determination