

Ms Rebecca Ryan
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Attn: Tanja Hogg

11 February 2025

Subject: Planning proposal PP-2024-625 to amend Queanbeyan-Palerang Local Environmental Plan 2022

Dear Ms Ryan

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 for the Googong Township – Eastern Boundary Amendment.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have determined that the planning proposal should proceed in part subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination. This includes the removal of Site 3 and 9 from the planning proposal as further work is required to justify these changes as outlined following subsequent discussions with the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water and the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, that the inconsistency of the planning proposal with direction of the Minister under section 9.1 of the Act, 3.1 Conservation Zones has been addressed through amendments to the proposal required under the gateway determination.

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 Direction 3.2 Heritage Conservation, Direction 3.6 Strategic Conservation Planning, Direction 3.10 Water Catchment Protection and Direction 4.3 Planning for Bushfire Protection. Council should ensure this occurs prior to public exhibition.

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 10th February 2026. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible.

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. The relevant Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure team contact should be copied into the request. The request must include the drafting instruction template, planning proposal and gateway determination.

Should you have any enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Graham Towers to assist you. Graham can be contacted on (02) 4247 1821.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D Thompson".

Dan Thompson
Acting Executive Director
Local Planning and Council Support

Encl: Gateway determination