

Our ref: PP-2025-1841

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Subject: PP-2025-1841 to amend Orange Local Environmental Plan 2011

Dear Mr Maunder

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 22 September 2025 in respect of the planning proposal to make policy and housekeeping amendments to the Orange Local Environmental Plan 2011.

As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, I have determined the planning proposal should proceed subject to the conditions in the enclosed Gateway determination.

I have also agreed, as delegate of the Secretary, the inconsistency of the planning proposal with applicable directions of the Minister under section 9.1 of the Act Direction 6.1 Residential Zones and Direction 7.1 Employment Zones is justified in accordance with the terms of the Direction. No further approval is required in relation to the Directions.

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 1.4 Site Specific Provisions. 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 amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 29 October 2026. 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, 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 Meredith McIntyre to assist you. Ms McIntyre can be contacted on 02 6229 7912.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Chantelle' followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Chantelle Chow
Director, Southern, Western and Macarthur Region
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Encl: Gateway determination