



Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

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Dear Ms Brown

Planning proposal PP-2025-842 to amend Bourke 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) in respect of the planning proposal to insert *centre-based childcare facility* as an additional permitted use at 9A Gorrell Avenue, Bourke.

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.

Considering the nature of the planning proposal, I have determined that Council may exercise your local plan-making authority functions in relation to the planning proposal.

The proposed local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 4 May 2026. 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's regional team at westernregion@planning.nsw.gov.au.

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 42471826.

Yours sincerely

1/7/25

Tim Collins
Manager
Southern, Western and Macarthur Region

Encl: Gateway determination