

Our ref: PP -2026-521 (IRF26/3735)

Mr Peter Thompson
General Manager
Wagga Wagga City Council
243 Baylis Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Subject: PP-2026-521 to amend Wagga Wagga Local Environmental Plan 2010

Dear Mr Thompson

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 11 March 2026 in respect of the planning proposal to amend the Wagga Wagga LEP 2010 by updating the Land Reservation Acquisition maps.

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 it is no longer required from an operational perspective, or where the land has been acquired by, or dedicated to Council. No further approval is required in relation to the Directions.

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 16 February 2027. Council should aim to commence the exhibition of the planning proposal as soon as possible. Council's request for the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to draft and finalise the LEP should be made eight weeks in advance of the date the LEP is projected to be made.

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.

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 Ms Ann Martin to assist you. Ms Martin can be contacted on 42471826.

Yours sincerely



8/5/2026

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Encl: Gateway determination