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Subject: (PP-2026-709) to amend Murray River Local Environmental Plan 2011 and Wakool Local Environmental Plan 2013

Dear Ms Williams

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 reclassify 9 sites from community to operational land.

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 the parcels are not required to meet existing or future public open space needs. No further approval is required in relation to the Directions.

Considering the nature of the planning proposal I have determined not to authorise Council to be the local plan-making authority functions in relation to the planning proposal.

The amending local environmental plan (LEP) is to be finalised on or before 9 March 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.

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 Bec Martin to assist you. Ms Martin can be contacted on 02 5852 6810 .

Yours sincerely



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Encl: Gateway determination