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Mr John Roseth
Chair, Sydney East JRPP
Joint Regional Planning Panel
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Mr Roseth

RE: Request to reschedule Hearing and consideration of the development proposal for 7 Centennial Avenue, Lane Cove

May I start by stating that I fully support the endeavours of the JRPP to objectively consider and determine development proposals placed before it.

Your panel has depoliticised the assessment of major development proposals and provide a value adding element to the review process with the role of panel experts and community representatives.

Mr Roseth, the purpose of this letter is to not only congratulate you and your panel on the Lane Cove determinations but to ask the Panel to consider vacating the 17 May meeting for the consideration and determination of the major residential unit development at 7 Centennial Avenue (DA233/11).

I ask for the reallocation of the hearing date in the name of both efficiency and effectiveness.

I understand the application is complex and many weeks have been spent by both Council staff, the applicant and his consultants all working toward an acceptable outcome.

Unfortunately, late in the process it would appear that the Rural Fire Service have advised that the appropriate APZ setback is greater than that anticipated by the applicant.

This would become a fundamental failure of the application in it's current form and the applicant has advised he wishes to submit amended plans to accommodate the Rural Fire Service setback.

Council staff are not able to review any amendment and provide review comments in time for the hearing date of 17 May 2012.

I understand that if not for this outstanding issue the application might be recommended for approval subject to draft conditions.

Mr Roseth, I request that the hearing date of 17 May be vacated and rescheduled for the first available hearing in June or thereafter to enable staff to place the JRPP in an informed position to determine this proposal.

Failure to recognise this request for an adjournment by the applicant will necessitate the expenditure of even more time, resources and money where a short, timely adjournment benefits all stakeholders, including the State, by delivering on it's commitment to process and deliver on development proposals.

I am happy to discuss the above.

Peter Brown
GENERAL MANAGER