

# Attachment 1



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Dear Mr Brown,

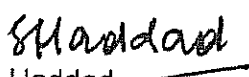
I refer to your letter of 31 October 2013 concerning an alternate design excellence process for an extension to the Park Royal Hotel at 30 Phillip Street, Parramatta.

As you are aware in October last year, my Delegate granted this proposal a waiver to the LEP requirement for a design competition. In agreeing to this, the approved alternate process is consistent with other alternate processes that I have agreed to from time to time. This is important for ensuring a level of rigour and independence and to achieve good outcomes.

Nevertheless, I have reviewed your request and detailed proposal, considering them carefully in the context of your scope of work. Parramatta City Council's Design Excellence Advisory Panel is satisfied with the design excellence of your proposal, and I understand that Council staff are also supportive. In considering all of these factors, I am satisfied in this particular instance that you have achieved design excellence in accordance with clause 22B of the Parramatta City Centre Local Environmental Plan 2007. I will be advising Council that this is a unique circumstance that does not set a benchmark for future alternative design processes where I agree to them.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Josephine Wing, Manager, Centres & Urban Renewal, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. Josephine can be contacted on telephone number 9228 6528.

Yours sincerely

  
Sam Haddad  
Director General

11/11/2013

cc: Sue Weatherly, Parramatta City Council

