



Mr Nick Tobin
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Dear Mr Tobin

Re: Notification of the relevant planning authority for a pre-Gateway review for 17-19 Smith Street, Chatswood

I refer to the request for review of the above proposal. Details of the proposed instrument are summarised below:

Dept. Ref. No:	PGR_2012_WILLO_001_00
LGA:	Willoughby
LEP to be Amended:	Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012
Address/Location:	17-19 Smith Street, Chatswood
Proposed Instrument:	To allow a supermarket ('shops') as an additional permitted use under Willoughby Local Environmental Plan 2012

I have considered the pre-Gateway review, the views of the Sydney East Joint Regional Planning Panel (Panel) and council.

While it is noted that the Panel, in a split decision, did not recommend the proposal proceed to public exhibition, the Department considers that the proposal may have merit, and that the local community should be able to review and comment on the proposal via public exhibition.

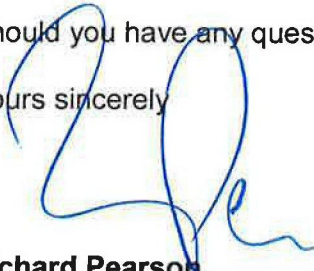
As delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, I have determined that Council be given the opportunity to be appointed as the relevant planning authority (RPA) for this matter. It is requested that Council advises the Department of its decision on whether or not it will accept being the RPA by 17th January 2014.

Should Council decide to be the RPA, a planning proposal should be submitted for a Gateway determination by 14 February 2014. If Council chooses not to be the RPA or does not respond within the timeframe requested, the Director General will be the RPA for this matter and the Department's regional planning team will prepare and manage the planning proposal on behalf of the Director General.

The Department's '*A guide to preparing local environmental plans*' provides advice on procedures for the various stages in the independent review and the Gateway determination process. The guide is available on-line at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/gateway-process.

Should you have any questions in regard to this matter, please contact me on 02 9228 6162.

Yours sincerely



17/12/13

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Delegate of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure