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Dear Mr Edgar

Planning proposal PP_2019_THILL_009)00 – Alteration of Gateway Determination

Thank you for your letter dated 30 April 2020 regarding revisions to planning proposal PP_2019_THILL_009_00 which seeks to amend The Hills Local Environmental Plan 2019 to give effect to Central City District Plan and The Hills Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS).

I have carefully considered the amendments requested by Council and support the majority of Council's request. I have determined as the delegate of the Minister, in accordance with section 3.34(7) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, to alter the Gateway determination dated 3 April 2020 for PP_2019_THILL_009_00. The Alteration of Gateway determination is enclosed.

However, I also note Council's process of meeting its concurrence requirements from public authorities for amendments to the land reservation acquisition map as stipulated under Clause 10 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 and Section 9.1 Direction Reserving Land for Public Purposes. Therefore, a new Gateway condition is not warranted.

Additionally, I acknowledge your request regarding a new LSPS aim in the LEP. As noted previously, the GSC assurance letter advised that Council may need to update the LSPS as key supporting strategies, including the Local Housing Strategy are finalised. Due to the changing nature of the LSPS, the proposed aim is not supported at this time.

I can also advise that the Department is investigating a potential extension of time for councils to finalise the LEP. Until a decision is made, I have determined not to issue an extension. I encourage Council work to submit the LEP to the Department by the due date.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Ms Elizabeth Kimbell to assist you. Ms Kimbell can be contacted on 9860 1521.

Yours sincerely

26/05/20

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