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Dear Mr Newman

Planning proposal PP-2020-2179 – Alteration of Gateway Determination

I refer to City of Parramatta Council's request for an extension to the timeframe for the public exhibition of the planning proposal PP-2020-2179 to amend the planning controls for the St Johns Cathedral site at 195 Church Street, 65-79 Macquarie Street and 38 and 41-45 Hunter Street, Parramatta.

I note that an alteration to the Gateway determination was issued for this proposal on 10 November 2021 to extend the timeframe for completion to 30 June 2022 and to require public exhibition to commence prior to 28 February 2022. I understand Council considered a report on the planning agreement on 21 February 2022 and has requested a further briefing prior to making a decision on the matter. I also note the planning agreement is required to secure the public benefits which support the proposal.

In recognition of the progress made to date, 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 8 September 2020 for PP-2020-2179 (since altered). The Alteration of Gateway determination is enclosed.

The NSW Government is committed to reforming the planning system to be more streamlined and simplified in order to help unlock productivity by creating jobs and supporting on-going economic recovery. A key part of the reform program involves reducing the end to end timeframe for rezoning proposals. Successful achievement of target reductions across the state will result in funding towards improving planning outcomes.

In light of this, the timeframe for finalisation of the LEP remains as 30 June 2022. Should Council not meet this timeframe, or the proposal be further delayed, consideration will be given for whether it should proceed. I also note that further extensions for this proposal are unlikely to be granted except in exceptional circumstances

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, I can be contacted on 9373 2877.

Yours sincerely



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