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Dear Mr Harrison

Michael

I refer to your correspondence dated 11 September 2017 and recent meeting with the Department's Sydney Region East team, regarding your planning proposal request for 4-6 Bligh Street, Sydney.

I understand that Council has advised you that it will not be progressing this proposal request until the draft Central Sydney Planning Strategy is close to finalisation.

While acknowledging Council's draft strategy as an important step in establishing a new planning framework for Central Sydney, I note that site-specific planning proposal requests can still be submitted and are to be assessed on their merits. The current status of the draft Strategy should not preclude Council giving due consideration to individual proposals.

The Department's Rezoning Review process allows proponents to seek an independent review of a planning proposal request where a Council has not supported or progressed the matter within a reasonable 'assessment timeframe'.

Given Council's decision to not consider the proposal request prior to the draft Strategy being close to finalisation, I have formed the opinion that you are eligible for a Rezoning Review.

If you wish to seek a Rezoning Review of your proposal by the Planning Assessment Commission, you should provide a completed application form, address the strategic and site specific merit test and include all relevant documentation and required fee. Further details can be found in our guidelines at <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Local-Planning-and-Zoning/The-Gateway-Process>.

Should you have any further questions in relation to this matter, please contact Karen Armstrong, Director, Sydney Region East at the Department on 9274 6249.

Yours sincerely

Marcus Ray
Deputy Secretary
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