

28 October 2020

Luke Downend  
Director, Northern District  
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

Dear Mr Downend

### **Planning Proposal – Vegetation Mapping Update**

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The purpose of the letter is to seek a Gateway Determination for the subject Planning Proposal pursuant to Section 3.34 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

This Planning Proposal seeks to update and extend the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map and update the terminology in the corresponding Clause (6.4 Terrestrial Biodiversity) within the *Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013* to protect land of biodiversity value.

The Planning Proposal was referred to the Local Planning Panel for advice on 30 September 2020, in accordance with the *Local Planning Panels Direction – Planning Proposals*. Their advice is attached.

At its meeting on 14 October 2020, Council considered Directors Report No. PC21/20 presenting the Planning Proposal and the advice of the Local Planning Panel, and resolved that Council:

1. *Council endorse the progression of the Planning Proposal attached to Director's Report PC21/20 to update and expand the Terrestrial Biodiversity Map within the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013 for submission to the Department and Planning, Industry and Environment for a Gateway Determination.*
2. *The Planning Proposal be publicly exhibited in accordance with the Gateway Determination and consultation strategy identified in Director's Report No. PC21/20.*
3. *Council endorse the amendments to the Hornsby Development Control Plan attached to Director's Report No. PC21/20 for exhibition concurrently with the Planning Proposal.*
4. *Following exhibition, a report on submissions be presented to Council for its consideration.*

In accordance with Council's resolution, please find attached a Planning Proposal setting out Council's objectives and intended outcomes, justification of the proposal and the intended community consultation to be carried out.

I would be pleased if you would refer the proposal for a Gateway Determination as soon as possible to ensure the protection of the significant vegetation communities proposed to be included in the HLEP 2013. On the grounds that the planning proposal is consistent with the types of draft LEPs to be routinely delegated by the DPI&E, Council requests the authorisation to exercise its plan making delegations in this instance.

A copy of Director's Report No. PC21/20 is also attached for your information.

Should you have further enquiries concerning this matter, please contact Council's Strategic Planner, Bethany Fryar on 9847 6733.

Yours faithfully,



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Manager  
Strategic Landuse Planning

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Attachments:

1. Planning Proposal - Vegetation Mapping Update
2. Director's Report PC21/20
3. Minutes from General Meeting – 14 October 2020
4. Local Planning Panel Advice – 30 September 2020