

Office of the Secretary

Ms M L Taylor
Chair
Sydney West Joint Regional Planning Panel
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15/357011

Attention: Ms S Jattan

Dear Ms Taylor

Pre-Gateway review request for land at Macquarie Grove Road, Kirkham

Thank you for your report dated 26 February 2015 which considered the pre-Gateway review request for a site at Macquarie Grove Road, Kirkham.

I have considered the Panel's recommendation and determined that the matter should not proceed to the Gateway determination stage. The proponent and Council have been advised of this decision. A copy of the Panel's report has been provided to both parties.

I have determined that the matter should not proceed to Gateway determination stage for the following reasons:

- the consistent and long-held position of Council since 2009 to not support development on this site
- the Departmental position to prevent further and unnecessary exclusion from the State Exempt and Complying Development Policy
- Council and community objectives to protect the rural aesthetic and outlook along the Macquarie Grove ridgeline
- current and increasing supply of Large Lot Residential sites available in areas designated for residential development, and
- Council's longer term strategic planning which identifies the opportunity to accommodate growth in designated areas across the local government area.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, please contact Ms Rachel Cumming, Director of the Department's Parramatta office, on (02) 9860 1174.

Yours sincerely



Carolyn McNally
Secretary 29.9.15