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The Director Assessment Policy, Systems & Stakeholder Engagement Department of Planning and Infrastructure GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Draft amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) (Coal Seam Gas Exclusion Zones) 2013 – Stage 2 Coal Seam Gas Exclusion Zones

I refer to the recent public exhibition of Stage 2 of the Coal Seam Gas Exclusion Zones based on future growth areas. Council welcomes the extension of proposed Coal Seam Gas exclusion zones to future growth areas and believes that this will provide greater certainty for future residents of planned growth areas within the Liverpool Local Government Area. However, Council remains concerned about the omission of certain residential zoned land from the proposed exclusion zones.

Council refers to its submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure dated 12 April 2013 wherein Council objected to the proposed definition of a residential area. Council noted that, "the definition of residential zones provided by the draft SEPP does not necessarily include land zoned R5 – Large Lot Residential or RU6 – Transition."

Council's submission stated that, "Council requests, that in the interests of restricting coal seam gas extraction from all residential land, that land zoned R5 – Large Lot Residential and RU6 – Transition should be included in the definition of residential land and automatically covered by the proposed coal seam gas exclusion zone."

Council notes that the definition of residential land used in the draft SEPP has not been expanded to include all R5 – Large Lot Residential, nor RU6 – Transition zoned land. Council wishes to restate its objection to this omission, and recommends that the draft SEPP be further amended to include all such residential zoned land among land to be excluded from Coal Seam Gas extraction activity.

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Yours sincerely

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