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Dear Councillor Simpson

I refer to your letter requesting a review of draft Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan 2013 be undertaken to address community concerns about the integrity of the plan making process.

I have considered your request for the Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) to undertake a review of the draft Plan including a public hearing. I have also given consideration to alternate options for an independent review that will provide public confidence and restore integrity in the draft Plan.

I have determined an independent panel specifically established to review the draft Plan and associated plan making process, in an open and transparent manner, is the best way forward. Accordingly I have appointed Dr John Roseth and Ms Meredith Sussex to undertake this review, and report back to me with recommendations on how the draft Plan should be progressed. The report will be made publicly available and forwarded to Council as soon as it is received.

The terms of reference for the review are:

1. Assess and advise whether Sutherland Council has prepared the draft Sutherland Shire Standard LEP 2013 (draft Plan) in accordance with the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.
2. Advise on the appropriateness of the provisions contained within the second exhibited version of the draft Plan.
3. Examine the 75 changes made to the LEP by the Mayoral Minute No 6/13-14 dated 29 July 2013.
4. Undertake public hearings, including receiving oral submissions by representatives of community groups.
5. Consider submissions and representations made during the public hearings or received by the Panel.
6. Report to me the findings arising from the review and the public hearings and provide recommendations to me as applicable.

The Department will contact Council shortly to discuss the details of this process.

Further, I have agreed with your request that Amendment 20 to Sutherland LEP 2006 not proceed.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Neil McGaffin, Executive Director – Rural & Regional Planning, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. Mr McGaffin can be contacted on telephone number 9228 6565.

Yours sincerely


HON BRAD HAZZARD MP
Minister

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