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Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing, Special Minister of State

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The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP
Member for Willoughby
Premier of NSW
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Dear  Premier

Thank you for writing on behalf of Mr Peter Dowling about a review of planning controls in the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 (Harbour REP).

I appreciate Mr Dowling's long standing interest in having the planning controls for Sydney's harbour waterways brought into line with contemporary conditions and community expectations.

I acknowledge Mr Dowling's frustration at the time the review is taking. However, it is important the formal steps of the review are informed by comprehensive planning advice.

In addition to the water zoning matter raised by Mr Dowling, the review of the Harbour REP needs to balance a range of social and economic issues. These include public and private access to the foreshore and waterways, the preservation of the natural environmental features and scenic landscape values of the harbour for our tourism and visitor economy.

I am pleased to advise you and Mr Dowling that the initial review of the provisions in the plan has been completed. I have asked the Department to consider Mr Dowling's most recent observations in completing the review process. Formal consultation will take place when a proposal has been prepared and we will ensure that Mr Dowling is made aware of this at that time.

Should Mr Dowling wish to discuss this matter further, Ms Megan Webb, Acting Director, Planning Frameworks at the Department can be contacted on 9373 2813.

Yours faithfully



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Encl: Department of Planning and Environment's reply to Mr Peter Dowling 15 December 2016



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Dear Mr Dowling

Thank you for writing to the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Planning, regarding the review of planning controls in Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 (SHREP). The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

I appreciate learning of your views about the controls and their relevance in the W7 zone.

These controls are aimed at protecting the area's scenic qualities and preserving an open and unobstructed waterway while taking into account physical constraints such as shallow waters. It is important to acknowledge that when the SHREP was made, these objectives were seen as necessary.

It is also important to ensure that we remain responsive to change. The Department of Planning and Environment is currently reviewing the state's environmental planning policies. The objective of this review is to update and simplify a host of framework instruments across the planning system.

As part of this review, the Department has engaged planning consultants Urbis to carry out an initial review of the SHREP provisions, including the current water zones. The Department will consider the findings of this analysis along with other inputs, including your correspondence, as part of the review process.

Before any formal amendments to the SHREP are made, we will prepare an Explanation of Intended Effects outlining the proposed changes. When the document has been prepared, we will place it on exhibition for community comment. I encourage you and your neighbours to make a submission at that time.

We would appreciate receiving any further observations you may have on this matter. I have asked the Department's Planning Frameworks team to ensure your details are added to our stakeholder contact list for the review process.

I have also asked Ms Megan Webb, Acting Director, Planning Frameworks, to be available to answer any immediate concerns you may have. Ms Webb can be contacted on (02) 9373 2813.

Yours sincerely

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