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SUBMISSION - Proposed Amendments to the Standard Instrument LEP

Hector Abbott established McDuck Properties Pty Ltd in 1998 as a property consultancy and property development company focusing solely on the Large Format Retail sector.

McDuck Properties has worked extensively over the years with retailers such as Supercheap Auto, BCF, Ray's, Petbarn, Baby Bunting, Bunnings, The Good Guys, Beacon Lighting, Super AMart etc.

McDuck operates nationally and whilst being based in Sydney has focused on other states in recent years as the limitations imposed by the various Council definitions across the metropolitan area and regional NSW as well as the limitations on the allowable zones restrict the ability for large format retailers to operate.

As such McDuck strongly endorses all the proposed definitions as exhibited in particular the relevant "Specialised Retail Premises". Should this definition be adopted state wide then McDuck will be in a position to refocus attention on NSW, it's home state and service the pent up demand that the restrictions have created.

Further, as an associate of the Large Format Retailers Association we strongly endorse their submission to the government on this matter.

This will establish is planning clarity, consistency and certainty within NSW and we strongly encourage the NSW Government to also consider mandating zones in for "Specialised Retail Premises" as part of the Retail Policy.

Hector Abbott

Managing Director

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