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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDARD INSTRUMENT LEP
SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT**

To whom it may concern,

We are encouraged by the NSW's Government initiative to undertake a review of the NSW Standard Instrument LEP and are pleased to provide this response to the proposed amendments.

Established in 1984 and with 145 stores currently operating across Australia, Adairs is one of Australia's leading large format retailers specialising in the sale of Manchester, Furniture and homewares. Adairs have 36 stores operating in NSW and are retail members of the Large Format Retailers Association (LFRA), which includes other retailers operating in the same market sector such as Spotlight, Pillow Talk, and Freedom.

We have reviewed the material currently on public notice by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and are primarily interested in the proposed amendment to the definition of 'bulky goods premises'. We strongly support the proposed amendment to the LEP which restructures the definition and updates the title of the land use term.

We believe the title 'specialised retail premises' is a more appropriate title for today's market, which encompasses a wider range of specialty goods sold in large format outlets. The term 'bulky goods' has become outdated, and narrowly describes the products sold from large format retail outlets when most of businesses were based on furniture and electrical products.

We strongly support the change in structure of the definition to a list of products rather than an indistinct description of what constitutes 'bulky goods' based on size, shape and weight. The current definition has been difficult to interpret and has constrained our ability to expand our store network in New South Wales. This change will be a major boost for investment in the large format retail sector. It will also remove bottlenecks in the planning process which has been overly complicated.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide our support for this submission and look forward to the implementation of these changes by the NSW Government.

Yours sincerely,



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