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The General Manager
Lithgow City Council
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Dear Mr Bailey

SUBJECT Draft Lithgow City Local Environmental Plan 2013

Reference is made to correspondence from Lithgow City Council, dated 17 June 2013, inviting comment on the planning proposal for the Draft Lithgow City Local Environmental Plan 2013 (draft LEP).

Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) understands that the draft LEP has been prepared in line with the Standard Instrument Template and will replace two current planning instruments. The draft LEP also seeks to implement the key strategic directions arising from the Lithgow Land Use Strategy 2010-2030 (LUS). BMCC were consulted with during the preparation of the LUS and no objection to the recommendations was raised.

BMCC has reviewed the planning proposal and associated documentation and raises no concerns. Proposed land use zones adjacent to the boundary of the Blue Mountains LGA appear to generally maintain the effect of previous zones in regard to prohibited land uses and minimum lot sizes. Furthermore, the introduction of the Sensitive Lands Overlay and associated local provision seeks to ensure greater protection of environmentally sensitive lands west of Mt Victoria, Blackheath and Megalong. Council supports measures to provide greater protection for environmentally sensitive lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the planning proposal for the Draft LEP. If you have any enquiries, please contact Andy Turner, Manager, City Planning, by telephone on (02) 4780 5513 or by email aturner@bmcc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully

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