

Thursday 3 February 2023

Dear Colleagues

I am writing to you as a participant of the rezoning reform policy testing workshops held last year.

We presented two targeted initiatives that evolved from the feedback we received on “A new approach to rezonings” discussion paper. These were:

- allowing councils to self-assess simple and strategically consistent rezonings
- a planning proposal recourse framework for proponents affected by delays or unresolved issues.

After careful consideration of the feedback on the discussion paper and at the policy testing workshops, we will not be proceeding with a proposed merit appeal for planning proposals to the Land and Environment Court. The other components of the proposed new rezoning process as outlined in the discussion paper and initiatives we tested with you last year will also not be progressed at this time.

Thank you for providing feedback on the proposed rezoning reform policy. It was valuable and continues to inform our work in this area. Although we are not progressing any reforms at this time, we trust that you will continue to work with us on any similar reform work in the future.

Please email Paulina Wythes, Director – Planning Legislation and Economic Policy on planninglegislativereform@planning.nsw.gov.au if you require further information on this matter.

Regards

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