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**Assumed Concurrence Letter –
1 September 2020**

Ms Monica Barone
Chief Executive Officer
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Attention: Mr Graham Jahn

Dear Ms Barone

I am writing in relation to Council's letter of 7 July 2020 to Mr Jim Betts, Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, requesting the 12-month extension to the assumed concurrence for clause 4.6 variations granted on 7 July 2019 be extended to an on ongoing basis.

I have considered Council's request and agree there is merit to extend the assumed concurrence for a further 12 months but not for an ongoing basis. I note that this assumed concurrence will ensure that the determination of these applications will not be delayed as a result of the need to be reported to the Local Planning Panel.

From the date of this letter, Council are exempted for a further 12 months from reporting variations over 10% to the local planning panel for determinations associated with additions or works that do not significantly impact on the height, bulk or setbacks of an existing building or structure, where the existing building or structure already exceeds the relevant development standard. These applications may be dealt with by Council staff under delegation in accordance with any relevant governance mechanisms.

Over this period, I request Council review its height of buildings and floor space ratio controls to achieve a more permanent solution for these variations, so Council does not need to rely on clause 4.6 delegations of more than 10% as often.

Council must continue to maintain a publicly available register of development variations and provide quarterly reports to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Council and the Central Sydney Planning Committee.

If you have any more questions, please contact David McNamara, Director, Eastern District at the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on 9383 2101.

Yours sincerely



Brett Whitworth
Deputy Secretary
Greater Sydney, Place and Infrastructure

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