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Dear Ms Galvin

RE: Design and Place SEPP Explanation of Intended Effects

Further to discussions between City of Parramatta Council and Department staff I am pleased to provide comment on the recently released "Explanation of Intended Effect for a Design and Place SEPP, February 2021" (EIE).

The submission follows and supports Council officer participation in a webinar hosted by the GANSW on 3 March 2021 as well as a Design and Place SEPP Council Workshop (Western Parklands & Central River) on 11 March 2021.

Please note that this submission represents the views of Council staff and has not been endorsed by Council or the Executive.

The NSW Government's ambitions to elevate design considerations through the planning process is supported and the integration of precinct planning and design as part of the new Design and Place SEPP (SEPP) is welcomed. The integration of green infrastructure, building performance, walkability, cycling and resilience in the SEPP, are particularly important to ensure the realisation of the vision for the Central River City. Development of the new Urban Design Guide (UDG), updated BASIX and ADG are important enablers of the intended effects of the SEPP.

Council is a key stakeholder familiar with the benefits and limitations of current regulatory system, and staff encourage proactive and ongoing engagement in support of further development of the detail of the SEPP over the coming months. We encourage the GANSW to consider the establishment of a Local Government Working Group as a key reference group to ensure practical and effective implementation as well as measurable outcomes are realised for Councils. This is particularly important acknowledging that the impact of the SEPP may differ across various local government areas and relative to their contexts.

Our key responses to the Explanation of Intended Effects (EIE) are highlighted in the detailed submission and recommendations provided at **Attachment 1**.

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Once again, we thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the EIE for the Design and Place SEPP and we welcome further collaboration with the NSW Government Architect as it progresses the detail of the SEPP.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Kelly Van Der Zanden, Group Manager City Design, on 02 9806 5521.

Regards



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