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Dear Mr Farmer

Illawarra Escarpment Strategic Management Plan 2015

I refer to Council's letter seeking the Department of Planning and Environment's endorsement of the Illawarra Escarpment Strategic Management Plan (IESMP) 2015 to support the plan's role in conserving and enhancing the Illawarra Escarpment.

I am pleased to advise that I have endorsed the Plan as delegate of the Secretary. I am aware of the significant time and resources committed by Council and the Escarpment Reference Group in finalising this plan.

The endorsed IESMP 2015 will provide a strategic framework for the consideration of planning proposals and developments in the Illawarra Escarpment, with a strong focus on achieving positive environmental outcomes. When considering any change to the zoning of land within the escarpment it will also be important for Council to consider how the current zoning was arrived at with respect to the landscape approach taken in the IESMP 2005.

If you would like to discuss this matter, I have arranged for Louise Myler from the Department of Planning and Environment's Southern Region to assist you. Graham may be contacted on telephone number 02 4224 9463.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Secretary
Planning Services

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