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Wellington St, Bondi planning proposal
Response given to the *Wentworth Courier*

On what grounds has an application for the site occupied by tennis courts on Wellington St, Bondi been made to the Department of Planning? Can the Department confirm if the rezoning proposal has been referred to the Planning Assessment Commission and is there a specific timeframe in which it must be considered?

Department response:

The site at 105 Wellington St, Bondi is occupied by privately owned tennis courts. Waverley Council has resolved not to proceed with a planning proposal to rezone the site to allow the development of a community facility and a residential flat building.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure subsequently received a request from the proponent, for the Minister to appoint another relevant planning authority to prepare a planning proposal for the site.

The former Planning Minister referred the matter to the Planning Assessment Commission to seek independent advice on whether the planning proposal should proceed to a Gateway determination. The legislation does not provide a specific timeframe for the PAC to complete its review.

The Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has written to the PAC requesting that it defer consideration of this matter until the incoming Minister for Planning has been briefed. The Department will also further discuss the planning proposal with Waverley Council.