

Response given to the Sydney Morning Herald regarding the City of Sydney LEP

Response given on 20 June in response to questions about the Department's position on a submission from the Casino Liquor and Gaming Control Authority (CLGCA) calling for a long-standing ban on money-lenders and pawn shops in the vicinity of Star City casino to be retained in the City of Sydney LEP:

The Department is not formally opposed to the general position on this issue put forward by the CLGCA and is keen to work with Council and the CLGCA on an alternative solution.

Following meetings between the Department and Council this element was not included in the draft LEP for public exhibition because the proposed provisions would have effectively constituted a 'sub-zone', which is not provided for under the Government's standard template for LEPs.

The draft City of Sydney LEP came off public exhibition earlier this year and Council will need to consider all submissions received, including from the CLGCA, before submitting the LEP to the Department for consideration and, ultimately, sign off by the Minister.

As outlined above, the Department will keep working with Council and the CLGCA on this and other relevant issues as part of that process.