RESPONSE TO THE NORTH SHORE TIMES RE BUNNINGS REZONING PROPOSAL AT PYMBLE

Response given to the North Shore Times on 9 September 2013 regarding a letter to Ku-ring-gai Council from the department’s Director-General about a Bunnings rezoning proposal at Pymble:

The department’s position, as outlined in the Director-General’s letter, is consistent with the recommendation of Council’s own planning staff.

Council has also subsequently included ‘hardware and building supplies’ as a permissible use in B7 zones in its recently-exhibited draft comprehensive LEP – consistent with the department’s recommendation.

The reasons for the department’s position on the Pymble Business Park are clearly outlined in the Director-General’s letter – namely that it would “promote appropriate development in the zone which is compatible with surrounding land uses and will complement (rather than detract from) the surrounding centres”.

Nonetheless, the department allowed the rezoning of the Pymble Business Park to proceed as endorsed by Council and requested that Council further address the issue in the preparation of its comprehensive LEP, which it is now doing.

The department is happy to discuss the matter further with Council in finalising of the comprehensive LEP.