

## Office of the Director General

Mr Kent Boyd General Manager Parkes Shire Council PO Box 337 Parkes NSW 2870 12/11986

Attn: Mr Andrew Johns, Manager Development Services

Dear Mr Boyd

Thank you for Council's recent submission to the Department seeking the Director-General's approval of the draft Parkes Shire Land Use Strategy 2011 (the Strategy).

As Director-General, I am pleased to advise that I have approved the Strategy to guide land use planning in Parkes into the future and form the basis of the draft Parkes Local Environmental Plan 2012. I congratulate Council on completing this important strategic land use planning work.

The Strategy identifies an appropriate amount of business, residential, industrial and open space land to meet projected demand now and in the future. I am also pleased to see Council take measures to protect its important rural lands from further subdivision through retaining the current minimum lot size for a dwelling and by appropriately identifying land for rural residential use.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Megan Jones, Plan Making and Urban Renewal - Dubbo Planning Team, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. Ms Jones can be contacted on telephone number 02 6841 2180.

Yours sincerely

Sam Haddad — Director General

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