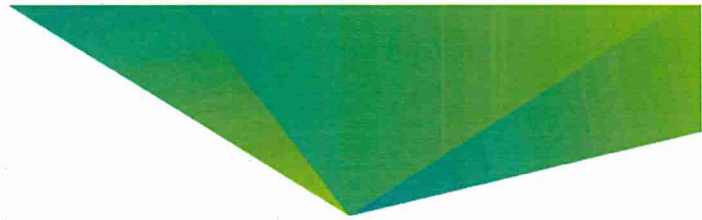




**Suburban Land
Agency**



Ms Liz Makin
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Dear Ms Makin

Ginninderry Project – Rezoning of Land Within New South Wales

As you are aware, the Australian Capital Territory has entered into a joint venture agreement with Riverview Developments (ACT) Pty Limited (**Riverview**) to carry out the Ginninderry Project, being a cross-border urban development comprising up to 11,500 home sites and associated urban facilities on land within the ACT and NSW. The Suburban Land Agency (**SLA**) is the agent of the Territory in respect of the joint venture.

I understand the land within NSW on which the Ginninderry Project is to be carried out has been sought to be rezoned to facilitate the Project. The ACT Government has previously expressed support for the proposal to rezone the land by way of a letter from the Chief Minister to you dated 2 May 2019. I also note that the 2019 ACT-NSW Memorandum of Understanding for Regional Collaboration currently being negotiated between the Territory and NSW Governments proposes a Parkwood Urban Release Area Governance Framework. I am informed that the Framework will serve as a mechanism between Yass Valley Council, NSW and ACT Governments for the ongoing cooperation and governance arrangements and service model for the provision of services and infrastructure in the proposed urban release area which is the subject of the rezoning proposal.

Riverview has advised the SLA that in order to progress the rezoning, Yass Valley Council (**YVC**) and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (**DPIE**) require certain commitments from the owner of the land in NSW, Reid & Stevens Pty Ltd, in respect of servicing of any future urban development made permissible by the rezoning and the future dedication of land, in particular, the dedication to YVC of a conservation corridor.

In light of this, Riverview has advised the SLA that a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (**MOU**) has been prepared between Riverview, Reid & Stevens Pty Ltd and YVC under which the parties to it will commit to:

- negotiating in good faith the entry into planning agreements within the meaning of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 (NSW) (EPA Act)*; and
- dealing with the various matters set out in the proposed HoA including the provision of public infrastructure and the dedication of land.

I also note that the proposed Heads of Agreement between YVC, Riverview Developments and landowners Moore and Fleming includes a provision that should the subdivision of the Moore and Fleming land create a residual lot containing the existing dwelling on the site, that the Joint Venture would have the first right of refusal to acquire this lot. This provision is also supported by the ACT Government.

The ACT Government will follow the rezoning process with interest, and I will make myself or my staff available should Council wish to clarify any matters. In line with the Regional Collaboration MOU, the ACT Government looks forward to working with Council on the governance arrangements for the provision of services and infrastructure associated with the rezoning.

Please contact me on 02 6205 0600 should you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Dietz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Dietz
Chief Executive Officer
8 October 2019