

IRF19/373

Ms Mary O'Kane AC Independent Planning Commission Chair Level 3, 201 Elizabeth Street SYDNEY NSW 2001

## Dear Ms O'Kane

I refer to your request for comments on 21 January 2019, regarding the Independent Review prepared by Sydney Architecture Studio which was submitted to support the rezoning review request for 44-78 Rosehill Street, Redfern.

The Department has reviewed the documentation and can advise that the Independent Review undertaken by Sydney Architecture Studio (dated 18 January 2019) was not submitted as part of the original rezoning review application that the Department received on or after 5 October 2018.

In accordance with the Department's 'A guide to preparing local environmental plans', a planning proposal request that has been amended after Council has resolved not to support the matter is not eligible for a rezoning review. The Independent Review does not alter the scope of the proposed LEP amendments outlined in the planning proposal but rather appears to provide additional justification for the proposal.

However, there is an expectation that the documentation and supporting material for the rezoning review (other than for a strategic and site-specific merit assessment) is the same planning proposal documentation that was submitted to Council.

The Department notes the Commission, in its assessment of the rezoning review, may exercise its discretion on whether to consider this and any other additional documentation.

If you have any more questions, please contact Kate Masters, Specialist Planner, Sydney Region East, at the Department of Planning and Environment on 9274 6321.

Yours sincerely

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