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15 December 2022

Paul Stein QC

Dear Mr Stein

**Strathfield Local Planning Panel**

I refer to your email dated 10 October 2022 and your purported appointment as Chair of the Strathfield Local Planning Panel (SLPP), by Henry Wong on 15 June 2021.

In consultation with the Department of Planning, I have formed the view that your appointment as Chair of the SLPP was invalid and unlawful because you do not meet criteria of an 'approved independent person' for the purposes of s2.18 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

Having reviewed the appointment letter and the relevant legislation, I have also formed the view that any purported agreement for you to act as the Chair of the SLPP was similarly beyond power and unlawful.

In the circumstances I confirm that Council will not require you to attend the SLPP as Chair for future meetings, under the current composition of the SLPP.

I have instructed the relevant Council staff to liaise with the Department to regularise the Chair for SLPP.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Mamo".

**Michael Mamo**  
General Manager