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Subject: Clarification of Planning and Public Spaces Budget Estimates transcript

Dear Chair

Thank you for the opportunity to participate as a witness for the Planning and Public Spaces Budget Estimates hearing at NSW Parliament House on Monday 25 August 2025.

I am writing to provide clarification on evidence I provided during the hearing about the proposed Eden Estates state-led rezoning as shown on page 77 of the uncorrected transcript:

***KIERSTEN FISHBURN:** And both councils requested that the State look at this rezoning. It has the implicit support of councils for us to at least undertake the work, without making an assumption about what the final outcome will be.*

I wish to clarify that, following the hearing, I was informed City of Newcastle Council did not request or support the NSW Government's approach to consider this rezoning proposal for a state-led pathway.

The Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) nominated the site for consideration as a state-led rezoning due to the significance of the development and given the site crosses over two local government boundaries.

I would like to extend my apologies to the Committee for unintentionally providing incorrect information.

The Department will continue to work with City of Newcastle Council and Lake Macquarie City Council on the land use and infrastructure planning to support the rezoning of this regionally significant area.

Should you have any questions, please contact myself or Monica Gibson, Deputy Secretary Planning, Land Use Strategy, Housing and Infrastructure on

Yours sincerely

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Secretary