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INQUIRY INTO THE APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNER OUTLETS CENTER - LIVERPOOL

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The Hon Jenny Gardiner MLC,
General Purpose Standing Committee No 4,
Parliament House, Macquarie Street,
Sydney NSW 2000.

Dear Ms Gardiner,

INQUIRY INTO THE APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNER OUTLETS CENTRE

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the relevant planning decision process.

Please find a copy of Ashfield Council's papers, concerning the McGill St Lewisham site, which was declared of "State Significance" due to an increase of about 36 jobs. I do not believe that the McGill St site should have been called in. Ashfield Council and community have complied with Urban Consolidation demands despite the lack of adequate infrastructure and open space. We are 15 years ahead of housing targets. We are a compliant Council and should be in control of local planning matters on behalf of our community. I do not understand why the Lewisham site was "called in", against our wishes, whilst a site with significantly more jobs at risk was not called in.

Ashfield Council has concerns about the intensification of use of the light industrial site at McGill St Lewisham and the impacts on local residents. The land is located in both Marrickville and Ashfield Council municipalities. Ashfield Council opposed the rezoning of the land and the development application. In response, the Minister identified the site as having State Significance. On The 11th March 2004, development consent was granted for a four-storey factory building, car park and the intensification of use. **MARKER 1 on attached papers.**

Council officers have advised that the Minister may have called in only **part** of the McGill St site and that incorrect procedures may have been followed. Council officers believe that the provisions of 76A (8)(c) dealing with prohibited development and the ability of Council to ask for a Commission of Inquiry would have been a more appropriate process. I understand that there was no newspaper notification, advising that the factory would be built over Long Cove Creek (Hawthorne Canal). Building a private large structure over Long Cove Creek would inevitably have poor outcomes for Greenweb and the creek's potential restoration.

On 20 May 2004, Ashfield Council made a FOI request to DIPNR. After nearly 3 months, this information has still not been provided. It seems an inordinately long period to respond. **MARKER 2** Marrickville Council is also concerned about the decision by the State government. **MARKER 3**

The decision by the Minister to "call in" the smaller McGill St site, on State Significance grounds but refuse to be involved with Orange Grove, appears to be inconsistent. I look forward to the sympathetic outcome for employees at Orange Grove and reconsideration of the McGill St site. I hope this information will assist the committee with their deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

Monica Wangmann

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