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Dear Ms Minnican,

Thank you for forwarding to me a petition on high-rise developments in the Liverpool local government area (LGA).

I understand the petitioners' concerns around whether the infrastructure in their area can cope with the increased population that high-rise developments attract, and I acknowledge their request for a moratorium to be placed on such developments.

The zoning of the land the petitioners have concerns about has been in place since the Liverpool local environmental plan (LEP) was made in 2008. The premise behind this zoning was that the higher-density areas (R4 zoning) were to be concentrated around transport nodes and business centres. As the land is zoned for high-density residential development, the government is not able to place a moratorium on the lodgement of development applications for high-density development in the Liverpool LGA.

However, as the petitioners mention, Liverpool City Council is reviewing its planning strategies to align with the government's policies and framework, as identified in the *Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities* and the *Western City District Plan*. Council will then amend its LEP to reflect the review's outcomes. The community will be consulted as part of this process, so I encourage the petitioners to have their say on proposed amendments to the LEP.

In the meantime, if petitioners are concerned about specific developments, they should make their thoughts known to Council, which is the authority that determines local development applications. If they have questions about the government's policy framework for these matters, please advise them to contact Ms Ann-Maree Carruthers, Director, Sydney Region West, at the Department of Planning and Environment on 9274 6270.

Yours sincerely,

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