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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment  
Via email: [resilience.planning@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:resilience.planning@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Special Flood Considerations Clause**

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the most recent exhibition of the Special Flood Considerations Clause and the potential to include the clause in all NSW council LEPs or in SEPP (Resilience and Hazards).

As you are aware, Hornsby Shire Council previously advised it would not be opting in to the 'Special Flood Considerations' clause as our mapping of the probable maximum flood (PMF) is not completed and Council has not reviewed the list of "sensitive and hazardous development" land uses to determine which ones should be listed.

Therefore, it is unclear on what basis and what is being achieved by inserting the Clause regardless of the information or evidence base held by each Council. It is also unclear what the implications would be for Councils who don't have the PMF mapping but have the clause inserted into their LEP? Further information about the implications would be desirable.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9847 6744.

Yours faithfully,

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