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Ms Lucy Turnbull AO
The Chief Commissioner
Greater Sydney Commission
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Dear Ms Turnbull

Review of planning framework for Western Harbour Precinct

I write to provide input to the Greater Sydney Commission's review of the planning framework for the Western Harbour Precinct.

LGNSW has significant concerns about the review, as it undermines local strategic planning and community participation, which were recently strengthened and are recognised as a critical part of the planning system in New South Wales.

The development of local strategic planning statements and local environmental plans are the framework for considering how change will be managed in the future. Councils are rightly expected to develop these with significant input from local communities and are working hard to deliver them within stipulated timeframes. The City of Sydney is currently seeking feedback on its draft local strategic planning statement, *City Plan 2036*, in accordance with the framework.

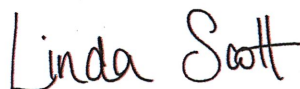
In discussions with the Commission following the decision to subject Ryde Council's planning controls to a planning review, LGNSW was assured that the Commission would work collaboratively with councils in future to complete their local strategic planning statements and a review of their local environmental plans.

LGNSW considers that the review of the planning framework for the Western Harbour Precinct cuts across this process and contradicts the current planning framework in NSW. Further it is unclear how a six-week timeframe can reasonably review the well-established vision and development standards for the area and that any program of stakeholder engagement with the community, industry and other stakeholders could be effective.

From a sector-wide perspective, LGNSW is concerned that the review will further erode public trust and confidence in the planning system.

If you have any queries regarding this submission please contact Ms Kylie Yates, Director Advocacy (T: 9242 4014; E: kylie.yates@lgnsw.org.au.)

Yours sincerely



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