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Dear Mr Greenwich

Alex

Thank you for your representation on behalf of your constituents seeking an extension to the exhibition of SSD-97528708 at 160 Oxford Street, Paddington.

I am advised the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure issued the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for this proposal on 3 November 2025. However, a development application has not been formally lodged with the Department.

Should the applicant wish to proceed, they will need to submit a development application and detailed Environment Impact Statement (EIS) in line with the SEARs and other statutory requirements, which would then be subject to a formal public exhibition process at that time.

As you are aware, the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure has recently amended its Community Participation Plan, following amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, passed by the NSW Parliament in May 2025, to change the public exhibition timeframe for relevant residential SSD applications to 14 days.

This change supports the NSW Government's commitments under the National Housing Accord to accelerate the assessment of housing projects while retaining opportunities for community input during the public exhibition of SSD applications.

Any application that is exhibited over the Department's annual shutdown period from 25 December 2025 to 11 January 2025, would be exhibited for at least five weeks.

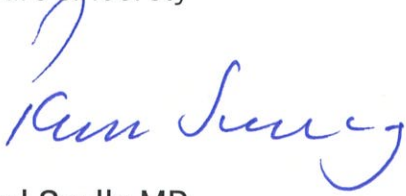
In addition, in the event that community members are not in a position to provide formal submissions within the exhibition period for an SSD proposal, I do note that the Department will consider all feedback, including that submitted outside of the formal exhibition, as part of its assessment before any decision is made on that proposal.

I would also point out that the NSW Government does not expect any individual or community group to provide comprehensive or technical submissions during the public exhibition process. Any submissions or feedback may be as brief or as long as the individual wishes. It is the Department's role to assess the relevant application and the issues drawn to attention in a submission.

For more information about exhibition periods for relevant residential SSD applications and the measures in place to support effective community consultation, visit the [Department's website](#).

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Scully', written over a horizontal line.

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