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DESIGN REVIEW LTR*

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Mr Troy Green  
General Manager  
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Dear Mr Green,

I am writing to you as the department is reviewing the Government's role in the design competition process. I am keen to understand your views on whether councils can take a greater role in design excellence.

I currently have the following functions under clause 6.10 of Tweed City Centre Local Environmental Plan 2008:

- consider design competition waiver requests and certify in writing requirements for alternative processes where a competition is not required (if any)
- grant concurrence following a design competition where a development is seeking a height or floor space bonus.

I seek your views on returning these functions to council via delegation. Informal feedback from other councils with a similar clause has suggested that existing design review panels have the expertise to assist councils in performing these functions.

Under the department's design excellence guidelines, I provide a representative for the design competition jury or panel. Since February this year, I have delegated this function to the NSW Government Architect's Office. I am not proposing to change this arrangement.

Depending on the outcomes of this review, the department will update the design excellence guideline to support council in undertaking these functions.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please contact Josephine Wing, A/Director Local Plans, Codes and Development Guides. Ms Wing can be contacted on 02 9228 6528.

Yours sincerely

**Carolyn McNally  
A/SECRETARY**

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