
Appendix B – Clause 4.6 variation request: Minimum subdivision lot size

Address: 107 Griffiths Street, Balgowlah

Proposal: Demolition of an existing dwelling house and construction of an attached dual occupancy and subdivision into two allotments.

1. Manly Local Environmental Plan 2013 (“MLEP”)

1.1 Clause 2.2 and the Land Use Table

Clause 2.2 and the Land Zoning provide that the subject site is zoned R1 – General Residential (the R1 zone) and the Land Use Table in Part 2 of MLEP specifies the following objectives for the R1 zone:

- * *To provide for the housing needs of the community.*
- * *To provide for a variety of housing types and densities.*
- * *To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.*

The proposed development is for the purpose of a dual occupancy (attached) which is a permissible use in the R1 zone.

1.2 Clause 4.1 – Minimum subdivision lot size

Clause 4.1 of MLEP sets out the minimum subdivision lot size development standard as follows:

(1) *The objectives of this clause are as follows:*

- (a) *to retain the existing pattern of subdivision in residential zones and regulate the density of lots in specific locations to ensure lots have a minimum size that would be sufficient to provide a useable area for building and landscaping,*
- (b) *to maintain the character of the locality and streetscape and, in particular, complement the prevailing subdivision patterns,*
- (c) *to require larger lots where existing vegetation, topography, public views and natural features of land, including the foreshore, limit its subdivision potential,*
- (d) *to ensure that the location of smaller lots maximises the use of existing infrastructure, public transport and pedestrian access to local facilities and services.*

(2) *This clause applies to a subdivision of any land shown on the Lot Size Map that requires development consent and that is carried out after the commencement of this Plan.*

- (3) *The size of any lot resulting from a subdivision of land to which this clause applies is not to be less than the minimum size shown on the Lot Size Map in relation to that land.*
- (3A) *If a lot is a battle-axe lot or other lot with an access handle, the area of the access handle is not to be included in calculating the lot size.*
- (4) *This clause does not apply in relation to the subdivision of any land:*
 - (a) *by the registration of a strata plan or strata plan of subdivision under the Strata Schemes Development Act 2015, or*
 - (b) *by any kind of subdivision under the Community Land Development Act 1989.*

The Lot Size Map specifies a minimum subdivision lot size for the land is 250 m².

1.4 Clause 4.6 – Exceptions to Development Standards

Clause 4.6(1) of MLEP provides:

- (1) *The objectives of this clause are as follows:*
 - (a) *to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in applying certain development standards to particular development,*
 - (b) *to achieve better outcomes for and from development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances.*

The latest authority in relation to the operation of clause 4.6 is the decision of Chief Justice Preston in *Initial Action Pty Ltd v Woollahra Municipal Council* [2018] NSWLEC 118 (“*Initial Action*”). *Initial Action* involved an appeal pursuant to s56A of the Land & Environment Court Act 1979 against the decision of a Commissioner.

At [90] of *Initial Action* the Court held that:

“In any event, cl 4.6 does not give substantive effect to the objectives of the clause in cl 4.6(1)(a) or (b). There is no provision that requires compliance with the objectives of the clause. In particular, neither cl 4.6(3) nor (4) expressly or impliedly requires that development that contravenes a development standard “achieve better outcomes for and from development”. If objective (b) was the source of the Commissioner’s test that non-compliant development should achieve a better environmental planning outcome for the site relative to a compliant development, the Commissioner was mistaken. Clause 4.6 does not impose that test.”

The legal consequence of the decision in *Initial Action* is that clause 4.6(1) is not an operational provision and that the remaining clauses of clause 4.6 constitute the operational provisions.

Clause 4.6(2) of MLEP provides:

- (2) *Development consent may, subject to this clause, be granted for development even though the development would contravene a*

development standard imposed by this or any other environmental planning instrument. However, this clause does not apply to a development standard that is expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.

Clause 4.1 (the minimum subdivision lot size development standard) is not excluded from the operation of clause 4.6 by clause 4.6(8) or any other clause of MLEP.

Clause 4.6(3) of MLEP provides:

- (3) *Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless the consent authority has considered a written request from the applicant that seeks to justify the contravention of the development standard by demonstrating:*
 - (a) *that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and*
 - (b) *that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.*

The proposed development does not comply with the minimum subdivision lot size development standard pursuant to clause 4.1 of MLEP which specifies an minimum subdivision lot size of 250m² however strict compliance is considered to be unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of this case and there are considered to be sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard. The relevant arguments are set out later in this written request.

Clause 4.6(4) of MLEP provides:

- (4) *Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless:*
 - (a) *the consent authority is satisfied that:*
 - (i) *the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by subclause (3), and*
 - (ii) *the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out, and*
 - (b) *the concurrence of the Secretary has been obtained.*

In *Initial Action* the Court found that clause 4.6(4) required the satisfaction of two preconditions ([14] & [28]). The first precondition is found in clause 4.6(4)(a). That precondition requires the formation of two positive opinions of satisfaction by the consent authority. The first positive opinion of satisfaction (cl 4.6(4)(a)(i)) is that the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by clause 4.6(3)(a)(i) (*Initial Action* at [25]). The second positive opinion of satisfaction (cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii)) is that the proposed development will be in

the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the development standard and the objectives for development of the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out (*Initial Action* at [27]). The second precondition is found in clause 4.6(4)(b). The second precondition of satisfaction requires the consent authority to be satisfied that the concurrence of the Secretary (of the Department of Planning and the Environment) has been obtained (*Initial Action* at [28]).

Under cl 64 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, the Secretary has given written notice dated 21 February 2018, attached to the Planning Circular PS 18-003 issued on 21 February 2018, to each consent authority, that it may assume the Secretary's concurrence for exceptions to development standards in respect of applications made under cl 4.6, subject to the conditions in the table in the notice.

Clause 4.6(5) of MLEP provides:

- (5) *In deciding whether to grant concurrence, the Secretary must consider:*
- (a) *whether contravention of the development standard raises any matter of significance for State or regional environmental planning, and*
 - (b) *the public benefit of maintaining the development standard, and*
 - (c) *any other matters required to be taken into consideration by the Secretary before granting concurrence.*

Council has the power under cl 4.6(2) to grant development consent for development that contravenes a development standard, if it is satisfied of the matters in cl 4.6(4)(a), and may assume the concurrence of the Secretary under cl 4.6(4)(b). Nevertheless, the Council should still consider the matters in cl 4.6(5) when exercising the power to grant development consent for development that contravenes a development standard: *Fast Buck\$ v Byron Shire Council* (1999) 103 LGERA 94 at 100; *Wehbe v Pittwater Council* at [41] (*Initial Action* at [29]).

Clause 4.6(6) relates to subdivision on land in Zone RU1 Primary Production, Zone RU2 Rural Landscape, Zone RU3 Forestry, Zone RU4 Primary Production Small Lots, Zone RU6 Transition, Zone R5 Large Lot Residential, Zone E2 Environmental Conservation, Zone E3 Environmental Management or Zone E4 Environmental Living. The site is not within any of those zones to clause 4.6(6) is not relevant to the development.

Clause 4.6(7) is administrative and requires the consent authority to keep a record of its assessment of the clause 4.6 variation. Clause 4.6(8) is only relevant so as to note that it does not exclude clause 4.1 of MLEP from the operation of clause 4.6.

2. The Nature and Extent of the Variation

- 2.1 This request seeks a variation to the minimum subdivision lot size development standard contained in clause 4.1 of MLEP.

- 2.2 Clause 4.1(3) of MLEP specifies a minimum subdivision lot size on the subject site of 250m².
- 2.3 The proposed subdivision will result in two allotments each with a lot size of 247.2m². The non-compliance equates to 2.8m² for each allotment, representing a variation of 1.12%.

3. Relevant Caselaw

- 3.1 In *Initial Action* the Court summarised the legal requirements of clause 4.6 and confirmed the continuing relevance of previous case law at [13] to [29] as follows:
 - 13. *The permissive power in cl 4.6(2) to grant development consent for a development that contravenes the development standard is, however, subject to conditions. Clause 4.6(4) establishes preconditions that must be satisfied before a consent authority can exercise the power to grant development consent for development that contravenes a development standard.*
 - 14. *The first precondition, in cl 4.6(4)(a), is that the consent authority, or the Court on appeal exercising the functions of the consent authority, must form two positive opinions of satisfaction under cl 4.6(4)(a)(i) and (ii). Each opinion of satisfaction of the consent authority, or the Court on appeal, as to the matters in cl 4.6(4)(a) is a jurisdictional fact of a special kind: see Woolworths Ltd v Pallas Newco Pty Ltd (2004) 61 NSWLR 707; [2004] NSWCA 442 at [25]. The formation of the opinions of satisfaction as to the matters in cl 4.6(4)(a) enlivens the power of the consent authority to grant development consent for development that contravenes the development standard: see Corporation of the City of Enfield v Development Assessment Commission (2000) 199 CLR 135; [2000] HCA 5 at [28]; Winten Property Group Limited v North Sydney Council (2001) 130 LGERA 79; [2001] NSWLEC 46 at [19], [29], [44]-[45]; and Wehbe v Pittwater Council (2007) 156 LGERA 446; [2007] NSWLEC 827 at [36].*
 - 15. *The first opinion of satisfaction, in cl 4.6(4)(a)(i), is that the applicant's written request seeking to justify the contravention of the development standard has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by cl 4.6(3). These matters are twofold: first, that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case (cl 4.6(3)(a)) and, secondly, that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard (cl 4.6(3)(b)). The written request needs to demonstrate both of these matters.*
 - 16. *As to the first matter required by cl 4.6(3)(a), I summarised the common ways in which an applicant might demonstrate that compliance with a development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [42]-[51]. Although that was said in the context of an objection under State Environmental Planning Policy No 1 – Development Standards to compliance with a development standard, the discussion is equally applicable to a written request under cl 4.6 demonstrating that compliance with a development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary.*

17. *The first and most commonly invoked way is to establish that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary because the objectives of the development standard are achieved notwithstanding non-compliance with the standard: Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [42] and [43].*
18. *A second way is to establish that the underlying objective or purpose is not relevant to the development with the consequence that compliance is unnecessary: Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [45].*
19. *A third way is to establish that the underlying objective or purpose would be defeated or thwarted if compliance was required with the consequence that compliance is unreasonable: Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [46].*
20. *A fourth way is to establish that the development standard has been virtually abandoned or destroyed by the Council's own decisions in granting development consents that depart from the standard and hence compliance with the standard is unnecessary and unreasonable: Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [47].*
21. *A fifth way is to establish that the zoning of the particular land on which the development is proposed to be carried out was unreasonable or inappropriate so that the development standard, which was appropriate for that zoning, was also unreasonable or unnecessary as it applied to that land and that compliance with the standard in the circumstances of the case would also be unreasonable or unnecessary: Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [48]. However, this fifth way of establishing that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary is limited, as explained in Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [49]-[51]. The power under cl 4.6 to dispense with compliance with the development standard is not a general planning power to determine the appropriateness of the development standard for the zoning or to effect general planning changes as an alternative to the strategic planning powers in Part 3 of the EPA Act.*
22. *These five ways are not exhaustive of the ways in which an applicant might demonstrate that compliance with a development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary; they are merely the most commonly invoked ways. An applicant does not need to establish all of the ways. It may be sufficient to establish only one way, although if more ways are applicable, an applicant can demonstrate that compliance is unreasonable or unnecessary in more than one way.*
23. *As to the second matter required by cl 4.6(3)(b), the grounds relied on by the applicant in the written request under cl 4.6 must be "environmental planning grounds" by their nature: see Four2Five Pty Ltd v Ashfield Council [2015] NSWLEC 90 at [26]. The adjectival phrase "environmental planning" is not defined, but would refer to grounds that relate to the subject matter, scope and purpose of the EPA Act, including the objects in s 1.3 of the EPA Act.*
24. *The environmental planning grounds relied on in the written request under cl 4.6 must be "sufficient". There are two respects in which the written request needs to be "sufficient". First, the environmental planning grounds advanced in the written request must be sufficient "to justify contravening the*

development standard". The focus of cl 4.6(3)(b) is on the aspect or element of the development that contravenes the development standard, not on the development as a whole, and why that contravention is justified on environmental planning grounds. The environmental planning grounds advanced in the written request must justify the contravention of the development standard, not simply promote the benefits of carrying out the development as a whole: see *Four2Five Pty Ltd v Ashfield Council* [2015] NSWCA 248 at [15]. Second, the written request must demonstrate that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard so as to enable the consent authority to be satisfied under cl 4.6(4)(a)(i) that the written request has adequately addressed this matter: see *Four2Five Pty Ltd v Ashfield Council* [2015] NSWLEC 90 at [31].

25. *The consent authority, or the Court on appeal, must form the positive opinion of satisfaction that the applicant's written request has adequately addressed both of the matters required to be demonstrated by cl 4.6(3)(a) and (b). As I observed in Randwick City Council v Micaul Holdings Pty Ltd at [39], the consent authority, or the Court on appeal, does not have to directly form the opinion of satisfaction regarding the matters in cl 4.6(3)(a) and (b), but only indirectly form the opinion of satisfaction that the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by cl 4.6(3)(a) and (b). The applicant bears the onus to demonstrate that the matters in cl 4.6(3)(a) and (b) have been adequately addressed in the applicant's written request in order to enable the consent authority, or the Court on appeal, to form the requisite opinion of satisfaction: see Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [38].*
26. *The second opinion of satisfaction, in cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii), is that the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular development standard that is contravened and the objectives for development for the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out. The second opinion of satisfaction under cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii) differs from the first opinion of satisfaction under cl 4.6(4)(a)(i) in that the consent authority, or the Court on appeal, must be directly satisfied about the matter in cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii), not indirectly satisfied that the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matter in cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii).*
27. *The matter in cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii), with which the consent authority or the Court on appeal must be satisfied, is not merely that the proposed development will be in the public interest but that it will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the development standard and the objectives for development of the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out. It is the proposed development's consistency with the objectives of the development standard and the objectives of the zone that make the proposed development in the public interest. If the proposed development is inconsistent with either the objectives of the development standard or the objectives of the zone or both, the consent authority, or the Court on appeal, cannot be satisfied that the development will be in the public interest for the purposes of cl 4.6(4)(a)(ii).*

28. *The second precondition in cl 4.6(4) that must be satisfied before the consent authority can exercise the power to grant development consent for development that contravenes the development standard is that the concurrence of the Secretary (of the Department of Planning and the Environment) has been obtained (cl 4.6(4)(b)). Under cl 64 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, the Secretary has given written notice dated 21 February 2018, attached to the Planning Circular PS 18-003 issued on 21 February 2018, to each consent authority, that it may assume the Secretary's concurrence for exceptions to development standards in respect of applications made under cl 4.6, subject to the conditions in the table in the notice.*
29. *On appeal, the Court has the power under cl 4.6(2) to grant development consent for development that contravenes a development standard, if it is satisfied of the matters in cl 4.6(4)(a), without obtaining or assuming the concurrence of the Secretary under cl 4.6(4)(b), by reason of s 39(6) of the Court Act. Nevertheless, the Court should still consider the matters in cl 4.6(5) when exercising the power to grant development consent for development that contravenes a development standard: Fast Buck\$ v Byron Shire Council (1999) 103 LGERA 94 at 100; Wehbe v Pittwater Council at [41].*

3.2 The relevant steps identified in *Initial Action* (and the case law referred to in *Initial Action*) can be summarised as follows:

1. Is clause 4.1 of MLEP a development standard?
2. Is the consent authority satisfied that this written request adequately addresses the matters required by clause 4.6(3) by demonstrating that:
 - (a) compliance is unreasonable or unnecessary; and
 - (b) there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard?
3. Is the consent authority satisfied that the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of clause 4.4 and the objectives for development for in the E3 zone?
4. Has the concurrence of the Secretary of the Department of Planning and Environment been obtained?
5. Where the consent authority is the Court, has the Court considered the matters in clause 4.6(5) when exercising the power to grant development consent for the development that contravenes clause 4.1 of MLEP?

4. Request for Variation

4.1 Is clause 4.1 of MLEP a development standards?

- (a) The definition of "development standard" in clause 1.4 of the EP&A Act includes:

“(a) the area, shape or frontage or any land, the dimensions of any land, buildings or works, or the distance of any land, building or work from any specified point.”

- (b) Clause 4.1 of MLEP relates to the area of any land and accordingly clause 4.1 is a development standard.

4.2 Is compliance with clause 4.1 unreasonable or unnecessary?

- (a) This request relies upon the 1st way identified by Preston CJ in *Wehbe*.
- (b) The first way in *Wehbe* is to establish that the objectives of the standard are achieved.
- (c) Each objective of the minimum subdivision lot size standard and reasoning why compliance is unreasonable or unnecessary is set out below:
- (a) *to retain the existing pattern of subdivision in residential zones and regulate the density of lots in specific locations to ensure lots have a minimum size that would be sufficient to provide a useable area for building and landscaping,*

The pattern of subdivision in the vicinity of the site is characterised by rectangular shaped allotments or varying widths, interspersed by battle-axe allotments, as shown in the following map (source: sixmaps):



The proposed rectangular shaped allotments are consistent with the predominantly rectangular shaped lots in the vicinity of the site. The allotment width is similar to a number of nearby allotments, particular 111, 111A, 110, 112, 114 and 114A Griffiths Street. In this regard the proposed allotments are consistent with the subdivision pattern in the immediate vicinity of the site, which is considered to be similar to

the subdivision pattern in residential zones within the area that the MLEP applies to.

The proposed dwelling density is generally in keeping with that which is anticipated by the planning controls with a variation of one 1.12% on the development standard. It is further noted that the design of the proposal does not enable future intensification of the dwelling density through the provision of secondary dwellings. In this regard, for instance, a dwelling house with a secondary dwelling on a 300m² allotment would have a significantly higher dwelling density (1 / 150m²) than the proposed development (1 / 247.2m²).

The design of the proposal ensures that there is sufficient area for building and landscaping. In this regard, the proposal includes both the design and construction of the building and the subsequent subdivision into two allotments. This can be contrasted with a proposal for subdivision only where the final built form is unknown.

The land is relatively unconstrained, with a gentle slope to the street that facilitates stormwater drainage by gravity and direct vehicular access, and no environmental features that would constrain development. In these circumstances the land is suitable for development to the density that is proposed and each lot provides sufficient area for building and landscaping.

This objective is achieved.

- (b) *to maintain the character of the locality and streetscape and, in particular, complement the prevailing subdivision patterns,*

The proposal maintains the character of the locality and the streetscape. In this regard, the streetscape exhibits a diversity of housing types in the immediate locality, including dwelling houses, duplexes, terraces, residential flat buildings and, at Stockland Balgowlah less than 100m to the south of the site, high-rise shop top housing.

The two-storey scale of development is consistent with neighbouring and nearby development, where a two-storey built form predominates.

Proposed landscaping will soften the appearance of the building and enhance the streetscape and character of the area.

Discussion regarding subdivision patterns is included above in relation to objective (a).

This objective is achieved.

- (c) *to require larger lots where existing vegetation, topography, public views and natural features of land, including the foreshore, limit its subdivision potential,*

This objective is achieved through the use of a variety of lot sizes prescribed by the Lot Size Map, ranging from one lot per 250m² up to one lot per 1150m², with the smaller lot sizes in areas of least constraint and closest to shops, services, public transport and public open space, as well as reflecting the historic development patterns in the area. The subject site is within the area prescribing 1 lot per 250m², indicating that it is less constrained by existing vegetation, topography, public views and natural features of land.

This objective is achieved.

- (d) *to ensure that the location of smaller lots maximises the use of existing infrastructure, public transport and pedestrian access to local facilities and services.*

The subject site is in an excellent location with regards to access to public transport, with bus services available directly outside the site to Manly, the City and the Northern Beaches. It is within 5 minutes walking distance of local facilities and services at the Balgowlah Commercial Centre and Stockland Centre. It is connected to all necessary infrastructure such as water, electricity, gas and telephone.

This objective is achieved.

4.3 Are there sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard?

There are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard. Whilst there is no requirement that the development comply with the objectives set out in clause 4.6(1) it is relevant to note that objective (b) provides:

“to achieve better outcomes for and from development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances.” (emphasis added)

It should be noted at the outset that in *Initial Action* the Court held that it is incorrect to hold that the lack of adverse impact on adjoining properties is not a sufficient ground justifying the development contravening the development standard when one way of demonstrating consistency with the objectives of a development standard is to show a lack of adverse impacts.

The variation to the development standard does not reduce the amenity of other dwellings in the vicinity of the site or the public domain but results in the efficient and economic use of land in a location that is connected to all necessary infrastructure and in close proximity to shops, services, public transport and public open space.

The site can be differentiated from other sites in good proximity to public facilities because of the lack of constraints to development and the extremely minor variation to the development standard (1.12%) that is involved in the proposal.

Being a corner allotment enables the proposed dwellings to benefit from access to sunlight, natural ventilation and outlook that is not available to other allotments.

The absence of external impacts, the opportunity for excellent internal amenity of the dwellings, and the efficient and economic use of land that maximises the use of local infrastructure and minimises travel times and reliance on motor vehicles constitute sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the proposed departure from the development standard.

4.4 Is the proposed development in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of clause 4.1 and the objectives of the R1 General Residential zone?

(a) Section 4.2 of this written requests demonstrates that the proposed development meets each of the applicable objectives of clause 4.1. As the proposed development meets the applicable objectives it follows that the proposed development is also consistent with those objectives.

(b) Each of the objectives of the R1 zone and the reasons why the proposed development is consistent with each objective is set out below:

* *To provide for the housing needs of the community.*

The proposal provides two well-designed dwellings with excellent amenity that will contribute to meeting the housing needs of the community.

* *To provide for a variety of housing types and densities.*

The proposed dwellings contribute to the variety of housing types available in the area and to the variety of densities of dwelling in the area, noting that the area is characterised by a variety of housing types and densities from single dwelling houses through to duplexes, dual occupancies, multi-dwelling house, walk up residential flat buildings and high-rise shop top housing.

* *To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.*

This objective is not relevant to the proposal.

4.5 Has council obtained the concurrence of the Director-General?

Council can assume the concurrence of the Director-General with regards to this clause 4.6 variation pursuant to the Assumed Concurrence notice issued on 21 February 2018.

4.6 Has Council considered the matters in clause 4.6(5) of MLEP?

(a) The proposed non-compliance does not raise any matter of significance for State or regional environmental planning as it is peculiar to the design of the proposed dwelling house for the particular site and this design is not readily transferrable to any other site in the immediate locality, wider region of the State and the scale or nature of the proposed development does not trigger requirements for a higher level of assessment.

- (b) As the proposed development is in the public interest because it complies with the objectives of the development standard and the objectives of the zone there is no significant public benefit in maintaining the development standard.
- (c) There are no other matters required to be taken into account by the secretary before granting concurrence.

In summary, the proposal satisfies all of the requirements of clause 4.6 of MLEP 2013 and exception to the development standards is reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances of the case.



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