

NSW GOVERNMENT Department of Planning

## Office of the Director General

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Ms Audrey Thomas **Conybeare Morrison** PO Box A866 SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1235

Dear Ms Thomas,

## Major Project Request: Thomas Street & Albert Avenue, Chatswood - MP 09\_0066

Thank you for your recent correspondence seeking the Minister's opinion as to whether your proposal is a Major Project under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and to request authorisation for the submission of a Concept Plan for the abovementioned site.

I am writing to advise you that as the delegate of the Minister, I have formed the opinion that your proposal is a Major Project under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005 and is therefore a project to which Part 3A of the Act applies, and have also authorised the submission of a Concept Plan under Section 75M of the Act.

In forming the opinion to declare the project, I have noted the Department's recommendations that further envelope/height and contextual studies be undertaken and that the Council have emphasized the importance of high quality built form and best practice ESD as desirable outcomes.

The concerns identified above will need to be addressed in your environmental assessment. You may now apply to the Department to issue the Director-General's Requirements (DGR's).

Please note that Section 75E of the Act requires you to lodge a Major Project application with the Director General. You should also include a Political Donations Declaration Statement with your application (if required).

If you have any enquiries you should contact Michael Woodland, Director Urban Assessments who is available during normal business hours on either 9228 6150 or Michael.woodland@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

Sam Haddad Director-General

24/4/ 2009.