

ITEM NO: 26

SUBJECT: DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS

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<p><b>Delivery Program Link</b> <i>Principal Activity: Civic Leadership</i> <i>Service: Governance and Risk</i></p>
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**Notice of Motion by Councillor Schreiber:**

*That the Council writes to the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Robert Stokes, to seek regulatory reform of the NSW planning system to address the delayed implementation of development consents, which presently permit development some 30 or more years after the consent was secured, without obligation to review against contemporary planning and environmental standards or the views of the present community.*

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**Background**

The community has been concerned to observe the extensive clearing associated with a Flora and Fauna Park at Wentworth Falls on the basis of a development consent issued in 1989 and secured with physical commencement in 1992. No development of the site had occurred since that time and it had been understood that the development would not proceed. Under the planning legislation, however, once a development consent has been secured it can be implemented at any time in the future.

Where there are undue delays, in this case some 30 years, that development should be required to adhere to the present planning standards and the current community's expectation for development. There is a need to provide for a sunset provision on consents to avoid unreasonable delays in implementation of development consents and/or a review against present standards.

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