

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 8.5(2) OF THE BIODIVERSITY
CONSERVATION ACT 2016**

*The Minister must strike through the relevant wording (**bold text**) to indicate his decision prior to signing the Declaration.*

Under section 8.5(2) of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, I, Minister for Energy and Environment, ~~declare/do not declare~~ the proposed application for biodiversity certification of the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council Penrith Structure Plan to be a strategic application.

In making my declaration, I have reviewed the information before me, advice from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and taken into account the criteria established in the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and the Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017.

I have ~~found/not found~~ the proposed application to biodiversity certify the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council Penrith Structure Plan to be strategic in terms of the area of land, the alignment with regional and district planning under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the advice provided by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the economic, social and environmental outcomes it could facilitate.



Matt Kean MP
Treasurer and Minister for Energy and Environment



Date