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**Goulburn LEP and minimum lot sizes**  
**Response given to *The Goulburn Post***

***Goulburn-Mulwaree Council recently met to discuss an amendment to its LEP. The NSW Farmers Association is apparently unhappy with the 100ha minimum lot size. Can the Department respond to the claims that previously, it was generally supportive of 40ha minimum lot size for rural areas, but apparently no longer supports this?***

Department response:

The Department's position on the issue of minimum lot sizes in Goulburn-Mulwaree has not changed since the new LEP came into force in 2009. Nor has Council requested the Department to do so via a blanket return to 40 hectares.

Over this time, the Department has maintained its position that, while a minimum lot size of 100 hectares is appropriate for rural land, the Department will continue to work with Council to identify strategically located sites for increased development capacity through lot sizes well below 100 hectares (e.g. rural residential development).

Indeed, the current Rural Lands Planning Proposal being considered by Council is all about providing for appropriately located land for rural residential purposes.

Such an approach will help overcome an unplanned approach that has resulted in a significant number of undersized lots spread across the LGA in remote locations which remain undeveloped.

The Department has, and will continue to, work collaboratively with both Council and the Office of Environment and Heritage to deliver the best planning outcome for rural residential development in Goulburn-Mulwaree.