Response to the Newcastle Herald on Upper Hunter ‘industrial’ comments

Made in response to claims made that a Departmental officer had referred to the area around Singleton and Muswellbrook at a public forum last year as being ‘industrial’

Response given on June 22:

This is a misrepresentation or a misunderstanding of what was said at the public meeting in August last year.

This is certainly not the Government’s position.

Rather the Government is particularly keen to establish a situation where a range of different industries and land-uses can co-exist in the Hunter Valley.

The NSW Government will be preparing a Strategic Regional Land Use Plan for the Upper Hunter which will plan for a range of land uses - agriculture (including cropping, viticulture, and thoroughbred breeding), mining, coal seam gas extraction, conservation, urban development, and other types of land use.