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**Additional public consultation event at Scone on Strategic Regional Land Use Policy**

The NSW Government has scheduled an additional community consultation event on its Strategic Regional Land Use Policy which is currently on exhibition for public feedback.

The drop-in information session will take place at the **Upper Hunter Shire Council Chambers (175 Liverpool Street, Scone) from 4:00-6:30pm on Wednesday, 2 May 2012.**

Senior representatives from four different government agencies will be available throughout the session for interested members of the public and other stakeholders to ask questions and provide feedback on the various draft policies and plans on exhibition.

The drop-in session is intended as an informal consultation meeting, where attendees are welcome to come and go throughout the evening and can have the opportunity to ask questions one-on-one.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure’s Deputy Director-General Richard Pearson said the government had been approached by a number of stakeholders in the area requesting an additional session in Scone.

“In particular, we’re aware that members of the thoroughbred breeding industry were limited in their ability to attend consultation events earlier this month due to industry events that were taking place in Sydney at the time,” Mr Pearson said.

“Upper Hunter Shire Council has also requested a session in Scone and we’ve agreed to hold this extra event to ensure members of the public and interested stakeholders all have the opportunity to have their say.”

The government has, to date, hosted two public forums and eight drop-in sessions across the Upper Hunter and New England North West regions as well as online discussion forums which are taking place at [www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/regionallanduse](http://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/regionallanduse)

All relevant documents, as well as interactive maps and fact sheets are also available on this site.

The NSW Government agencies that will be represented at the drop-in session are: the Department of Planning and Infrastructure; the NSW Office of Water; the Department of Primary Industries; and the Division of Resources and Energy.

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