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Dear Mr Sherley,
BATHURST REGION URBAN STRATEGY (APRIL 2008)

I refer to Council's letter of 22 April 2008 requesting the Department's endorsement of the Bathurst Region Urban Strategy (BRUS).

I commend Council for completing this project in conjunction with the community and state government with funding assistance from the Department. I am therefore pleased to endorse the Bathurst Region Urban Strategy (April 2008) as the basis for the strategic direction of the urban area of Bathurst until 2030. The Strategy represents a commitment to a sustainable future for the City and seeks to balance economic, social and environmental issues.

In endorsing the BRUS, I note Council's commitment to resolving the outstanding issues associated with flooding and 117 Direction 4.3 *Flood Prone Land* prior to consideration of zoning of floodplain for urban purposes. It is also noted, that while the Department of Primary Industries has reserved its position on the potential loss of Class 2 agricultural land to the north of the City, pending Council's completion of the Bathurst Region Rural Strategy, the broader issue of planning for rural lands will need to be discussed in the context of the recently gazetted Rural Lands SEPP.

The Department looks forward to now working with Council on the preparation of the Principal LEP to implement the outcomes of the BRUS and I note that much of the finer detail is to be resolved in this process.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Tim Deverell, Team Leader, Western Region to assist you. Mr Deverell may be contacted at the Department's Dubbo Office on telephone number (02) 6841 7529.

Yours sincerely

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Sam Haddad
Director General

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