



Office of the Director General

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Attention: David Shaw

Dear Mr Sherley

I refer to Council's request for endorsement of the *Bathurst Region Rural Strategy* (2010) and recent discussions relating the progress of the Draft Bathurst Local Environmental Plan.

Bathurst Region Rural Strategy

The *Bathurst Region Rural Strategy* (2010) (BRRS) and supplementary *Environmental Investigations Report for the Bathurst Regional LEP and DCP 2011* (Dec 2009) represent a significant and comprehensive strategic planning outcome for the Bathurst Regional local government area for the next 20 years. Council's commitment to preparing the two documents is acknowledged.

Consequently, I am endorsing the *Bathurst Region Rural Strategy* (May 2010) and *Environmental Investigations Report for the Bathurst Regional LEP and DCP 2011* (May 2009).

I note that Council is in the late stages of preparing a draft Bathurst Regional Local Environmental Plan 2013 (draft LEP) for exhibition. The endorsement of the BRRS and Environmental Investigations will allow Council to finalise the draft LEP and request a section 65 Certificate as soon as possible to allow community consultation to be undertaken.

Draft Bathurst Regional Local Environmental Plan

I refer to our meeting on the 8 May 2013 and wish to confirm the following advice:

I agree with Council's position to have a parallel system for complying and exempt development under the draft LEP.

Mount Panorama

I am aware that a draft clause has been developed to prohibit 'Commercial Motor Race Hosting' in all zones except zone SP3 Tourist. This clause is to be included in the draft LEP.

Boundary Adjustment Clause

A clause is being developed to enable rural subdivision of any size that will not create additional dwelling or lot entitlements. The clause is to be included in your draft LEP.

The regional office will ensure you are provided with the appropriate clauses as soon possible to enable your draft LEP to be finalised. I am aware that there is a meeting between your staff and the regional office on the 29 May 2013 to resolve the final issues so that Council can submit its draft LEP prior to it undergoing public exhibition.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Ashley Albury, of the Dubbo Planning Team to assist you. Mr Albury can be contacted on telephone number (02) 6841 2180.

Yours sincerely

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Sam Haddad
Director-General

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