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**Re: DIRECTOR GENERAL ENDORSEMENT OF SINGLETON LANDUSE STRATEGY**

I refer to Council's letter of 1 May 2008 requesting endorsement of Council's adopted Singleton Landuse Strategy. Please be advised the Department has reviewed the version of the Landuse Strategy dated 21 April 2008 and generally endorses the document with the following comments:

- Future development needs to maximise the opportunities for infill in Singleton Township, on appropriate flood free land;
- With regard to Rural Minimum Lot Sizes, any changes by way of an LEP will need to have regard to the rural subdivision principles contained in the State Environmental Planning Policy (Rural Lands) 2008; and
- The Department will not support average lot size provisions for rural residential zones within the LEP. Further discussions should be held with the Regional Team to ensure that Minimum Lot Sizes reflect the suitability and capability of the land.

I congratulate Council on producing this document which will assist with achieving sound planning outcomes for the LGA.

If you require any additional information, I have arranged for Miss Amy Blakely, from the Department's Hunter Office to assist you. She can be contacted on 4904 2700.

Yours sincerely

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Director General

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