



**Planning &  
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**Office of the Director General**

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Attn: Ms Sherilyn Hanrahan

Dear Mr Bailey

I refer to your letter of 23 December 2011 seeking endorsement of the Lithgow Land Use Strategy 2010-2030 (Strategy). I would like to congratulate Council on its work on the Strategy. The efforts and commitment of Council and its planning division, in particular Sherilyn Hanrahan, are appreciated and recognised. Accordingly, I am pleased to advise I have endorsed the final Lithgow Land Use Strategy 2010-2030 dated 31 October 2011.

In endorsing the Strategy I note Council's resolution to retain the existing minimum lot size of 40ha required for a dwelling on rural lands, despite the comprehensive recommendation of the Strategy for an alternative outcome. It is important Council continue to review its strategic planning work moving forward to ensure it remains on track to achieving a strong and viable land use planning future for Lithgow local government area.

Now that the Strategy has been endorsed, the next step for Council is to continue with the preparation of the local environmental plan (LEP) according to the *Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plan) Order 2006*. It is to be noted by Council that the Strategy identifies certain additional investigations to be undertaken prior to site specific land use change in the LEP. The Department is able to assist Council where appropriate to prepare the new LEP.

I have arranged for Azaria Dobson of the Western Region office to assist you. Ms Dobson can be contacted on 02 6841 2180.

Yours sincerely

  
Sam Haddad  
Director General

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