

Mr Frank Zaknich General Manager Albury City Council PO Box 323 Albury NSW 2640

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Dear Mr Zaknich

I refer to Council's request for endorsement of its *Rural Lands Strategy for Table Top and Splitters Creek 2015*, adopted by Council at its meeting of 26 October 2015.

I wish to congratulate Council on the completion of the Strategy. It is a detailed examination of supply and demand for large lot and rural residential development in and around the Albury local government area. It clearly establishes a settlement pattern for the Splitters Creek and Table Top precincts that recognises and has regard to agricultural land, environmental attributes, and the potential for land use conflicts and future urban expansion.

The Strategy represents a good strategic planning outcome that has been achieved through a collaborative approach between the Department and Council using a grant under the Planning Reform Funding Program. The Department will continue to work with your Council in implementing the strategy.

I am pleased to endorse the Strategy as the blue print for managing these lands and informing the preparation of future planning proposals for appropriate zoning and lot size changes.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Mark Parker, Planning Officer, at the Department's regional office. Mark can be contacted on (02) 4224 9472.

Yours sincerely

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