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Subject: Urban Development Program – Place Delivery Group nomination

Dear Ms Mewing,

Thank you for your nomination to form a Place-Delivery Group for the Cessnock Vineyards District – Regionally Significant Growth Area.

I am pleased to advise the Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle Urban Development Program Committee determined to establish a Place-Delivery Group.

The *Hunter Regional Plan 2041* acknowledges that at present, strategic land use decisions, including those relating to state infrastructure contributions, often precede capital investment planning by infrastructure and service delivery authorities. Consequently, decisions on infrastructure investment often lag behind the identification and development of new growth areas.

With the Urban Development Program Committee's determination to establish a Place-Delivery Group, we believe this place-based approach to planning will provide an opportunity for greater co-ordination of infrastructure and land use planning.

The Department will be in contact with you to establish the Place-Delivery Group.

Should you have any questions, Thomas Holmes, Manager, Urban Development Program at the Department of Planning and Environment can be contacted on 02 9860 1583 or via Thomas.holmes@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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