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Attention: Mr Mathew Pringle - Director Environmental & Customer Services

Dear Mr Crockett,

I refer to your letter of 24 March 2017 requesting the Department's endorsement of the Upper Hunter Land Use Strategy 2017.

I am pleased to conditionally endorse the Strategy 2017 in the following specific terms:

- All priority investigation areas are endorsed, and
- Preliminary investigation areas are not endorsed at this time. These areas require further precinct-level constraints analysis to test their suitability for future urban uses. Given the existing supply of urban land, endorsement of these areas are not adequately justified at this time. These areas should be reviewed as part of the 5-yearly review and update of the Strategy.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Trent Wink, Senior Planning Officer, Hunter & Central Coast Region, to assist you. Mr Wink can be contacted at the Department's Newcastle Office on 02 4904 2716.

Yours sincerely,



Katrine O'Flaherty
Director Regions, Western
Planning Services

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