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Dear Mr Ramsland

**ENDORSEMENT OF DRAFT WALGETT SHIRE GROWTH MANAGEMENT
STUDY AND STRATEGY 2010**

I refer to Council's request for the Director-General's endorsement of the draft Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy (WGMSS). The work Council has undertaken to complete this project in conjunction with the community and State Government Agencies is commended.

I have now endorsed the draft Walgett Shire Growth Management Study and Strategy dated November 2010 subject to the following conditions:

1. No additional residential opportunities to be permitted on the "preserved" opal fields as this is contrary to a longstanding interagency agreement and land title conversion program to Western Lands Leases that is currently in progress.
2. Low key home businesses uses being supported in living areas but not general businesses (reference section 9.5.2 Item 2 Policy Action 2.1.4 dotpoint 6 - home businesses).
3. Reference to very specific land use zonings are to be taken to mean the general land use designations.
4. The recommendations to change the Standard Instrument definitions (reference Sections 8.6 and 9.5.2 – Item 9 Policy Action 9.1) being excluded as the WGMSS is not the mechanism to address these matters. The changes suggested were considered in the recent review of the Standard Instrument Order 2011.

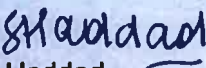
5. Minor changes being undertaken to the documentation as follows:-

Section 9.5.2 Item 5 Policy Action 5.3 – map references	Page 247	Map reference should be 8.3 or reference to map 8.4
Section 9.5.2 Item 6 – Policy Action 6.3 – land use changes for Lightning Ridge	Page 247	Map reference should be 8.10 or reference to map 8.11
Section 9.5.2 Item 8 – Policy Action 8.1- dotpoint 1 – map references	Page 247	Map references should be 8.26, 8.27 & 8.28

It is noted that the Strategy identifies additional work is required to support some of the recommendations of the Strategy in particular the rural residential living investigation study for land near Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri. Copies of such work are important components to the Strategy and should be provided to the Department prior to any future request for land use change as part of Council's strategic planning framework.

I congratulate Council on completing this important strategic work to guide the outcomes to be delivered in its new comprehensive LEP.

Yours sincerely


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Director General
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