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Subject: Urban Development Program – Place Delivery Group nomination

Dear Ms Perrone,

Thank you for your nomination to form a Place-Delivery Group for the AGL Hunter Low Carbon Energy Hub.

I am pleased to advise the Upper Hunter and Mid-Coast 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.

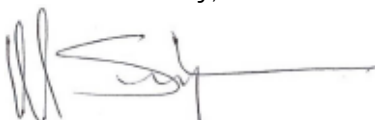
With the Urban Development Program Committee's determination to establish a Place-Delivery Group, we believe this place-based approach to planning will provide an opportunity for greater co-ordination of infrastructure and land use planning.

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

Please note that the Place-Delivery Group process will not affect AGL seeking to facilitate a solar panel manufacturing facility on part of the AGL Hunter Low Carbon Energy Hub. A separate planning proposal to amend the *Muswellbrook Local Environmental Plan 2009* should be commenced with Muswellbrook Shire Council to support this outcome. An amendment to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* is not supported because the state-wide nature of the change may result in adverse delays.

Should you have any questions, Thomas Holmes, Manager, Urban Development Programs 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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