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Subject: Urban Development Program – Hunter Joint Organisation Nomination

Dear Mr James,

Thank you for your nomination to join the Upper Hunter and Mid-Coast, and Lower Hunter and Greater Newcastle Urban Development Program Committees as an observer member.

The Committees determined to not support the Hunter Joint Organisation's request to join the Committee, noting committee members are members of the Hunter Joint Organisation.

Whilst the Committee determined not to support the request at this time, the Department of Planning and Environment is able to brief the Hunter Joint Organisation on a bi-annual basis, providing updates to the Hunter Joint Organisation Board on progress to implement the *Hunter Regional Plan 2041* and any relevant regional or strategic policy recommendations.

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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