



Mr Robert Campbell
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Dear Mr Campbell

I refer to Council's letter received by the Department on 29 July 2010 seeking endorsement of the Gunnedah Local Environmental Study (Bridging Report) 2010.

Following consideration of this Study, I am pleased to endorse the Gunnedah Local Environmental Study (Bridging Report) 2010 subject to the following alterations:

- Removing references to permitting bulky goods retailing in the IN1 General Industrial and IN3 Heavy Industrial zones;
- Removing references to utilising the RU4 Rural Small Holdings zone for rural residential development;
- Removing references to the definition of ecotourism being equivalent to the definition of 'environmental facility' under the Standard Instrument Order; and
- LES Recommendation 6 (p24) being amended by deleting the words "minimum 40 ha lot size" and being replaced with "an appropriate lot size".

The preparation of the upcoming comprehensive LEP should be in accordance with the outcomes of this Study and with relevant State Environmental Planning Policies, section 117 Directions, planning circulars and practice notes.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Mr Craig Diss – Team Leader to assist you. Mr Diss may be contacted at the Department's Tamworth Office on telephone number (02) 6701 9685.

Yours sincerely


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19.8.10.