



Planning

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Dear Mr Colreavy,

Subject: Wakool Land Use Strategy

I refer to Council's request for the Department's endorsement of the Wakool Shire Land Use Strategy and Supplementary information dated 13 May 2010 (LUS). I acknowledge the work that has been undertaken with the community and I can now conditionally endorse the Wakool Land Use Strategy as the basis to guide the direction of Wakool Shire's land use planning needs for the next 25 years.

However, in endorsing the Wakool Land Use Strategy, please note that with the exception of the sites identified on the attached map, additional environmental assessment is required to support upzoning of the remaining land release areas proposed in the LUS. In particular, the issue of flooding needs to be adequately assessed and Council needs to prepare a comprehensive flood study in accordance with the *Flood Plain Development Manual 2005*. Council should also complete a program of staging to avoid release of an excessive land supply. At the completion of the environmental assessment, staging program and flood study, it is recommended that the amended LUS be reviewed by government agencies. It is also recommended that you consult with the Department prior to amending the LUS and seeking a further endorsement.

The Department looks forward to continuing to work with Council in developing a new Principal LEP for Wakool Shire to implement recommendations of the Strategy. Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Nita Lennon to assist you. She may be contacted at the Department's Western Region Office on telephone number (02) 6841 2180.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Haddad
Director General

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