



Planning &
Infrastructure

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Attention: Mr Brett McInnes

Dear Mr Henry

I refer to Council's submission of the Inverell Rural Land Strategy on 30 August 2011 in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Reform Fund Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The Department is satisfied that the Strategy has been completed in accordance with the MoU and that public comment on its recommendations can now be sought. It is understood that the Strategy will be incorporated into Council's Strategic Land Use Plan for public consultation purposes, and then utilised to inform the upcoming comprehensive Inverell Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

Under State policy, Council is able to maintain its existing rural lot sizes when preparing an LEP. As Council has elected to adopt a range of rural lot sizes in the Strategy, including significant increases for some areas of the Local Government Area, Council is encouraged to undertake a comprehensive consultation process to seek the communities support for these recommendations.

Once the Strategy is finalised and its recommendations are incorporated into Council's upcoming comprehensive LEP, the MoU project will be completed. At this stage Council is to forward a project report and invoice for the Planning Reform Fund monies to enable the project to be acquitted.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Ms Gina Davis at the Department's Tamworth Office to assist you. She can be contacted on telephone number (02) 6701 9687.

Yours sincerely

Tom Gellibrand 23/10/11
Deputy Director General
Plan Making and Urban Renewal