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Attention: Sherilyn Hanrahan

Dear Sir

I refer to your letter of 22 August 2013 concerning Council's Request for formal support for Rural Lands Study.

The Department further confirms advice provided on 6 March 2013 at the Councillor workshop on the draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP), that Council proceed with making the draft Lithgow LEP 2013, and defer matters regarding increases in rural small lots and rural residential areas to a separate planning proposal. This planning proposal should be supported by an appropriate study into the supply and demand for this type of development and provide options for Council to pursue in regard to amending the LEP.

Assistance by way of planning reform funding (PRF) is offered to all local governments in New South Wales to facilitate local and regional strategic planning projects and priorities. Provided Council can demonstrate compliance with the funding criteria, the Western regional office would offer support to such an application for the purposes of preparing a rural land study. Application dates for Round 9 of PRF have not yet been announced, but the regional office will keep Council informed.

Should PRF not be available for the preparation of a rural land strategy, assistance by way of staff and data resources can be discussed in further detail with the Western regional office.

The Department would like to be involved in development of Terms of Reference for this project and the Western regional office is happy to provide assistance in this process.

Should you have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Daniel Wagner, Planning Operations and Regional Delivery - Dubbo Planning Team, of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to assist you. He can be contacted on telephone number (02) 6841 2197.

Yours sincerely,

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