

The Regional Director
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
Newcastle Office
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Dear Mr Levy,

Subject: Submission from Lake Macquarie City Council to Department of Planning and Infrastructure on the Lower Hunter Strategic Assessment - Draft Terms of Reference

Please find Lake Macquarie City Council's submission attached on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Lower Hunter Strategic Assessment. I refer to the exhibition on the Department of Planning and Infrastructure's (DoPI's) website that relates to the Draft Terms of Reference for the Strategic Assessment under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Council supports the efforts of the DoPI to investigate ways to protect, enhance and manage the nationally significant environmental features across the Lower Hunter region while enabling development. However, Council offers the comments and suggestions as found in the attached submission.

Should you require further information on this matter, please contact me on 49 210 767.

Yours faithfully



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