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Department of Planning & Infrastructure,

Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Submission: - NSW CSG exclusions and Gateway process.

We live and run our beef cattle breeding & hay production farm at Jerry's Plains in the Singleton Shire in a beautiful part of the Upper Hunter Valley. Hay that is produced on our property is than purchased by many horse breeders including our neighbours Coolmore Australia.

We would like to take this opportunity to confirm that our property at Apple Tree Flat , near Jerry's Plains is in the Critical Industry Cluster (CIC) Equine area Map 3.

Our Assessment Nos :- 57174, Lot Nos:- 2, 69, 70, 108, DP Nos:- 753808, 78/4

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We are pleased that our property is in the CIC, however we feel that other parts of the area should qualify for the same classification.

Other concerns:-

Rural residential land should be added to the CSG exclusion.

The village exclusion must apply to all villages.

Resource companies should not be able to exempt land that they own from the CIC.

The exclusion zones should be extended to coal mining.

There is no protection for agricultural land under the Gateway process. The regulation must be amended to create a strict exclusion, and must apply to all projects not determined before the creation of the amended regulations.

The 2km buffer should apply to all exclusions, including land mapped as CIC.

The new Gateway provisions are contradictory, implying at one point that the Panel will not even have the power to recommend rejection of a mining application.

The problem of mining in groundwater aquifers that supply agricultural production, and under catchment areas for major drinking water supplies like the Central Coast and Sydney has not been dealt with at all.

If the Gateway Panel runs out of time for their assessment, a certificate with no conditions attached will be automatically issued.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours faithfully,

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