

## srlup - Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land Mapping Submission

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**Attention: Director Assessment Policy, Systems & Stakeholder Engagement, Department of Planning and Infrastructure**

### Submission on Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land Mapping – Exhibition

***This submission is made on behalf of Upper Lachlan Shire Council***

The Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land (BSAL) mapping for Upper Lachlan Shire has been reviewed. The BSAL mapping did not include Local Government Boundaries on the maps which made reviewing the maps more difficult. A request for BSAL maps which included the local government boundaries was made to the Department with the response provided being a link to the spatial data to enable Council to prepare this map. Unfortunately this Council does not have the in-house resources to enable preparation of such a map, especially within the time constraints for submissions. It is considered that inclusion of a line indicating the local government boundaries on these maps is a fundamental piece of information that should have been included on the BSAL mapping for the community and Council officers.

The mapping of the high quality agricultural land is generally consistent with the Upper Lachlan Strategy Plan – 2020 Vision research and mapping which was undertaken in preparation of *Upper Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2010*. The high quality agricultural land partly correlates to the mapped RU1 Primary Production zoned land and it is noted that there are additional high quality areas identified near Taralga, which are supported. There is, however, noted to be an absence of sections of RU1 Primary Production zoned land located near Crookwell, Taralga, Breadalbane, Collector and Dalton, which are considered to be high quality agricultural land. It is requested that the BSAL mapping be amended to add/include of all the RU1 Primary Production zoned land near Crookwell, Taralga, Breadalbane, Collector and Dalton to be consistent with the Upper Lachlan Strategy Plan – 2020 Vision and relevant zoning. The relevant map references for these areas are:

- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_003
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_003B
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_005
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_005B
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_005C
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_005D
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_005E
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_005F
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_005G
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_006
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_006A
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_006B
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_006C
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_008
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_008A
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_008B
- Land Zoning Map – Sheet LZN\_008C

[Note: In regard to the list above, it is requested that all of the Land Zoning maps for *Upper Lachlan Local*

*Environmental Plan 2010* be reviewed to ensure that all maps which include RU1 Primary Production zoned land have been included]

Council would also like to bring to the attention the importance of controls required to apply to land within a drinking water catchment. Upper Lachlan Shire Council includes land within the Sydney Catchment Authority Area of Operations and Drinking Water Catchments for Crookwell and Gunning. It is considered that there should be specific controls included/exclusions applied for land within a Drinking Water Catchment to ensure the quality of drinking water for the Upper Lachlan Shire towns and villages Sydney Catchments are protected. The CSG controls specified for residential areas and areas of high quality agricultural land are considered to be equally relevant to drinking water catchments. Council has a 100 hectare minimum lot size standard for all land within a drinking water catchment as a means of protecting the drinking water for the Shire and for Sydney. The following map references are provided to identify where the Drinking Water Catchments are located for Upper Lachlan Shire:

- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_003
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_003E
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_003F
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_005
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_005C
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_005E
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_005F
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_005G
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_006
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_007
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_008
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_008A
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_008B
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_008C
- Lot Size Map – Sheet LSZ\_009

Your consideration of this submission from Upper Lachlan Shire Council would be appreciated.

In summary the concerns are:

1. Mapping placed on public exhibition should include, as fundamental information, the Local Government Boundaries,
2. The inclusion of additional land as high quality agricultural land, as identified above, would make the BSAL mapping consistent with Council's Strategic planning, and
3. The addition of specific controls/exclusion for land within a drinking water catchment would ensure protection of the drinking water supply for the Upper Lachlan Shire towns and villages and Sydney.

Yours faithfully

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