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Director Assessment Policy
Systems & Stakeholder Engagement
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001.

Dear Madam/Sir,

RE: BIOPHYSICAL STRATEGIC AGRICULTURAL LAND MAPPING SUBMISSION

Walgett Shire Council has given consideration to the revised 'Biophysical Biophysical Strategic Agricultural Land' (BSAL) mapping that is currently being publicly exhibited by your agency.

That consideration showed:

- Negligible correlation between the mapping and existing agricultural land classification mapping or current land use patterns.
- That the mapping is partially based on NSW Government mapping of sub-catchments.

In the above context, Walgett Shire Council resolved at a meeting held on 22 October 2013 to:

"Make a submission to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure regarding Strategic Agricultural Land Map sheet STA_018 that:

(a) It does not accurately show the extent of reflect the extent of "best quality soil and water resources" as it is partially based on a notional catchment boundary and does not correlate with the Agricultural Land Classification Study - Walgett Shire (July 2000, by NSW Agriculture).

(b) Council requests that the Department revise the map to include significant additional areas of important agricultural land, especially to the south of the currently mapped area."

Please contact Council's Director Planning & Regulatory Services, Matthew Goodwin, if you require any additional information.

Yours faithfully,

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General Manager