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Executive Director
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Dear Sir

Submission – Draft Changes to Mining Policy

Council welcomes this opportunity to comment on the draft changes to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 (Mining SEPP).

Our submission is that we support the changes to the Mining SEPP which are an important step in restoring balance to the mining assessment process. The Gloucester region is very much involved in the entire debate of benefits and impacts, opportunities and challenges that are imposed by the resource sector.

It is Council's view that it was bad policy that the wider longer term environmental, social and community impacts were placed secondary to the short-term economic benefits of developing the resource.

This Council has provided genuine and detailed input as appropriate to various environmental impact statements concerning local development proposals. These detailed submissions presented on cautionary concerns with regard to environmental risks to water, noise and air, amongst others.

We are pleased to note that these changes enhance, to some degree, equity and protection in the assessment process.

Please accept this letter as our submission.

Yours faithfully

Danny Green
GENERAL MANAGER