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Dear Director,

Re: Input into Draft Community Consultative Committee Guidelines

Council would like to make this submission on the draft guidelines currently on exhibition for the formation and operation of community consultative committees. Council generally considers the draft guidelines to be an improvement on the current version however at its meeting held on Tuesday 15 March 2016 it resolved to suggest that the following further refinements to the proposed guidelines would result in greater community input into major projects in their areas:

- The document be altered to provide for the relevant local Council to provide a recommendation on the appointment of the independent chairperson of a community consultative committee which will allow more separation and greater independence from the proponent, and
- Prior to the issuance of an Exploration Licence for mining activities of State significance, community consultation committee's should be established to inform the licencing process.

Council appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the draft Community Consultative Committee Guidelines.

Should you require further information please contact Council's Director Development and Economic Growth, Mr Tony Meppem on (02) 67996855 or by email at tonym@narrabri.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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