
Subject:

FW: Draft Hunter Regional Plan

Robert ,

I write to you as a Committee member of the Hunter Valley Wine Tourism Assoc in response to your email of the 30th of Feb concerning the Draft Regional Plan.

You may be aware that as an Assoc we have met formally with the Dept in Newcastle and the last meeting on the 20th January in Broke attended by Ashley Albury , Robert Hodgkins from Planning and Glenda Briggs [Primary Industry], with both Brian MacGuigan and myself representing the HVWTA.

At this meeting it was agreed that the various points covered and noted by the Dept would be taken as a submission from the Assoc to the Dept .

To cover the key points i summarise such as,

1. The draft plan does not adequately with the defined GI Regions of Pokolbin and Broke Fordwich , this includes the areas defined as CIC regions .
2. There is no reference to how the subject of inappropriate development within the CIC areas are to be dealt with .
3. The weighting of Wine Tourism in the document is grossly underdone in terms of planning policy .
4. The specific issue of Open Cut Coal mining in terms of appropriate buffer zones are not referred to, nor are the key issues of Noise , Light Pollution , Dust and the Health concerns raised by multiple community groups .

Finally ,I refer you to the notes taken at the last meeting .