

29 March, 2016

Department of Planning and Infrastructure NSW
Hunter and Central Coast
PO Box 1226
Newcastle NSW 2300

Attn: Ms. Monica Gibson
Director Regions, Hunter and Central Coast Department of Planning and Environment

Dear Ms. Gibson,

Re: Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City and Hunter Regional Plan

Figgis & Jefferson Tapa represents a consortium that has an interest in a significant parcel of land at Pokolbin. The Consortium consists of Robert Scott, Martin Tuktens and myself.

My consortium colleagues and I attended the Forum at Cessnock Council last week and we are greatly inspired by the Concept that you presented, of the Hunter City and its relevance to NSW and the East Coast.

Our site in Pokolbin has the following characteristics:

- 100 Ha with long frontage to McDonalds Road
- Immediately opposite "The Vintage" golf resort and residential village
- Accessible to the Golden Bear Development opposite the Vintage in Wine Country Drive.
- Short connection to Cessnock via Wine Country Drive
- Short connection to The Hunter Expressway via Branxton or Allandale
- Accessible to Newcastle via the New Hunter Expressway

Further, we note that the Hunter Expressway has begun to instigate Development pressure in nearby communities, Branxton being one of these. The link between Branxton and Cessnock via Pokolbin is becoming significant.

We should add that these connections form links between Newcastle, Hunter City and the Wine growing regions of Cessnock and Pokolbin.

We consider our Pokolbin site and its immediate precinct; with the development and growth currently underway, along with the significance of Cessnock as a vital community should be included within the boundaries of Hunter City.

Sincerely,



Stephen Figgis