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The Draft Plan provides no sound planning basis for the inclusion as part of the HUNTER CITY URBAN AREAS the extensive flood prone rural lands north of the Hunter River, west of the Williams River and east of the Paterson River all bounded on the north by a line drawn approximately between Woodville and Seaham (see Figures 2 and 4).

Those Figures even differ between themselves in the scope of the inclusion.

The Plan further contradicts itself given the statement on page 13, that

"Hunter City is the metropolitan area extending from Toronto and Swansea in the south to Raymond Terrace in the north...".

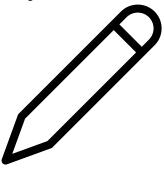
The Figures show quite the opposite by including lands north of Raymond Terrace in the "metropolitan area" and only go to highlight the shortcomings of that part of the Draft document.

Such shortcomings do not sit easily with the ACTION 2.4.2 on page 40:

"Avoid urban and rural residential encroachment into identified agricultural and resource lands when preparing long term settlement strategies"

given the Draft itself, as identified above, does the very thing it purports to prohibit or restrict.

The above cited lands north of Raymond Terrace have significant importance as a sustainable rural resource that ought be recognised and not sterilised by a penstroke on a map. The environmental constraints of those lands will always prevent urban use given their remoteness and isolation for many days in times of frequent flood events.



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