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Todd Williams Regional Development Australia

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Dear Todd.

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Hunter Region

Having just read the draft Hunter Regional Plan I believe it is imperative that the Bucketts Way be given high priority funding to enhance business & tourism in the area.

## The key areas are:

- Promote investment to grow regional rural & resource industries.
- Gloucester has one active coal mining business.
- Support the growth of the regions primary industries, Gloucester has an opportunity to set up a powder milk factory.
- Give and connect service based industries to support regional communities & provide a
  competitive edge for business. We need to improve Bucketts Way to maintain a competitive
  edge for businesses such as Leveltec, Drifta, & Harwell Lifts who provide their products
  across Australia & Internationally.
- Provide the right regulatory environment to support small business. Employment is essential
  to maintain the Hunter competitive edge. Good roads equate to business & employment
  opportunity.
- Enhance inter-regional transport connections. We need efficient transport corridors to provide our competitive edge.

• Support robust regional communities. Regional rural communities need good infrastructure if they are to remain abreast of their Urban Counterparts.

It is important that Bucketts Way is upgraded to enhance business & tourism. It is also a shorter route to Armidale & the New England which enhances the financial turnover in the main street. A case for 20 million has been presented to Scott McDonald M.P. for overtaking lanes & general upgrade.

Yours in Anticipation

Jerry Germon

Treasurer

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