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The General Manager
NSW Department of Planning
Hunter & Central Coast
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Dear Sir/Madam,

DRAFT HUNTER REGIONAL PLAN - DRAFT PLAN FOR GROWING HUNTER CITY CORRECTION OF MANIFEST ERROR IDENTIFIED

We act for Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council (Awabakal LALC) who thanks you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Draft Hunter Regional Plan and Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City. Awabakal LALC welcomes the preparation of the Draft Plans.

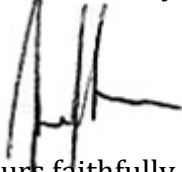
On a positive note, the Awabakal LALC is very supportive of the Direction 4.4 and the subsequent Actions identified in the Draft Hunter Regional Plan that promote the greater opportunities for economic independence of Aboriginal communities while also protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage values. The Awabakal LALC looks forward to working with the NSW Government in investigating lands managed and owned by Awabakal LALC for future development for the long term economic benefit of the local Aboriginal community represented by Awabakal LALC.

In relation to this Direction though, it is noted by the Awabakal LALC that Figure 4 of the Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City identifies some of our lands at Warners Bay as being "*National Park and Reserve*". **Lands around Hillsborough Road and Charlestown Golf Course are currently owned by the Awabakal LALC and are therefore not "National Park and Reserve"** as identified in the Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City and it is recommended that the Department of Planning and Environment ensure land is appropriately mapped.

Should the Department of Planning and Environment wish to consult with us we are more than happy to provide information as to our landholdings and areas subject to claims for the Department to appropriately map lands. We also note that Darkinjung LALC also made a submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Regional Planning Processes in NSW identifying similar issues to the mapping of lands owned by Darkinjung LALC.

Thank you for the opportunity to prepare a submission to the Draft Hunter Regional Plan and Draft Plan for Growing Hunter City.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DB' or similar initials, written over the words 'Yours faithfully'.

Yours faithfully

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