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**Subject:** Comment on Riverina Murray Regional Plan

Find below Hay Shire's comment on the Draft Riverina Murray Regional Plan.

There are a number of issues in this plan that could affect Hay, and a number of issues that needs to be included:

- Expansion and land use conflicts between National Parks and other uses (p21) - There has been a dramatic increase in the purchase of land for National Parks in Hay. These parks are mostly closed to the public, with limited staff, and being a high risk of bush fire and feral animals for neighbouring productive agricultural lands. These conflicts need either to be managed through better management of the National Parks, or the ceasing of purchasing land for National Parks.
- More funding to be provided for renewable energy, not only paper plans (p33)
- Maude Bridge to be included in the regional freight networks (p44) – The bridge currently has a 10 ton limit on it, and this is a constraint for the freight in the region. There has been a dramatic increase in freight in the area due to the production of cotton, and rebuilding of stock numbers after the drought.
- Relooking of the “Sensitive Lands” mapping, as there are instances where this is incorrect (p73) – Many sensitive lands the LEP is actually productive agricultural land.

Please contact me if any of the above is unclear.

Kind Regards,

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