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23 February 2017

Our Ref: OCR20171091

Department of Planning & Environment  
Director Regions  
Northern, Locked Bag 9022  
**GRAFTON NSW 2460**

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Draft New England North West Regional Plan.**

I am writing to place a formal submission to the Draft New England North West Regional Plan.

At its ordinary meeting of February 2017 it was resolved that Council lodge a submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment on the Draft New England North West Regional Plan outlining the following points:

- (a) Council generally support the goals of the Plan to be implemented where reviewing or amending planning strategies or LEP's via Planning Proposal processes.
- (b) Tenterfield has a strong tourism sector (including eco-tourism), however is not mentioned under Direction 4.5. Accordingly, inclusion of Tenterfield specifically under this direction is required in terms of provision of tourism services to target markets including Brisbane and South-east QLD, where Tenterfield is also a gateway to the New England North West Region. Tenterfield is well placed to service the tourism economy to the entirety of the region through bringing tourists into New England North West and facilitating travel via major road transport networks in all directions.
- (c) Council has a growing horticultural sector including vegetables, blueberries and grapes, and this should be recognised in the final Regional Plan.

*All correspondence should be addressed to:*

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- (d) Council adopted the standard instrument LEP in 2013 in response to changes implemented by the State Government, including revision of strategic planning framework such as Development Control Plans. The extent of amending planning instruments involves considerable cost and time commitments, accordingly, should the draft plan proceed under direction that requires changes to Council's Planning framework, funding will be required from the State Government to enact the required changes.
- (e) Identification and inclusion of Travelling Stock Routes in Council's LEP's be undertaken independently of Council resourcing, and at the cost of the Department.
- (f) Council perceives, based on the information given in the Draft Plan, that the required changes may result in a number of Gateway Determinations and Planning Proposals to be lodged by Local Governments (to amend Local Planning Instruments to enact the goals and actions within the Plan). Accordingly, Council requests that the required changes be undertaken at a State Level by the Department of Planning and Environment, and not at Council expense.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Council's Senior Planner, Ms Tamai Davidson, on (02) 6736 6002.

Yours sincerely,



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