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Dear Mr Koshy

Submission on the North West Priority Growth Area Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan

Thank you for your letter of 16 May 2017 and for the opportunity to comment on the Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan for the North West Priority Growth Area.

Subsidence Advisory NSW (SA NSW) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback. SA NSW operates for the community in coal mining areas of NSW and is responsible for administering the *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961* (the Act). The Act provides for compensation for property owners impacted by coal mine subsidence damage and sets out the requirements for approvals for development within mine subsidence districts. A key objective of SA NSW is to ensure subsidence damage to homes and infrastructure is minimised.

In addition, reforms underway to the mine subsidence compensation framework will see SA NSW renew its focus on delivering a more effective regulatory framework for development in Mine Subsidence Districts. SA NSW strongly advocates for better coordination and sequencing of mining and urban development in order to minimise the risk of subsidence damage.

SA NSW can confirm that there are no mine subsidence districts within the North West Priority Growth Area. According to our records, the suburbs in this area as specified in your letter currently have no associated exploration licences, mining leases or applications for mining authorisations. Furthermore, SA NSW is not aware of any proposed mines in this area.

As a result, SA NSW does not foresee any mine subsidence issues arising in respect of planning and development for the North West Priority Growth Area.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the North West Priority Growth Area Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan.

Yours sincerely

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