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Director, Hunter Region
Department of Planning and Environment
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Newcastle NSW 2300

RE: Draft Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan

We believe it's important for Lake Macquarie's businesses and community to prosper.

In November 2013, several local Business Chambers decided that a unified approach through amalgamation would enable them to better support the entire Lake Macquarie business community helping the city to thrive and prosper. In October 2015, Lake Macquarie Business Limited was incorporated as a not-for-profit, Company Limited by Guarantee. A diverse group of passionate, energetic business owners and community leaders have come forward from around the Lake to lead this new approach to business connectivity as Directors of the Board.

On behalf of the members of Lake Macquarie Business Ltd, I write to express our concern on the lack of representation of Lake Macquarie within the Draft Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan.

Lake Macquarie is 347% larger in area than Newcastle, has 126% of the population of Newcastle, yet is largely ignored in the Draft Plan. If the government wants to "deliver housing close to jobs and services" it should also consider delivering jobs and services close to housing. Many residents of Lake Macquarie need to travel significant distances for work each day, and we believe the Government can encourage commercial development through the Plan within key areas of Lake Macquarie, including:

- Glendale,
- Cardiff
- Teralba
- Boolaroo
- Warners Bay
- Belmont
- Swansea
- Morissett

We understand the need to view the region covered by the Government's description of Greater Newcastle as a cohesive region, and agree with the catalyst areas identified, but would like to see areas within Lake Macquarie considered in more detail in the Plan.

We support Lake Macquarie City Council's submission on the Draft Plan that identifies a catalyst area in North West Lake Macquarie.

We also support the Hunter Business Chamber's submission on the Draft Plan.

We also support the submission prepared by the UDIA NSW on the Draft Plan.

Yours Sincerely,



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