

8 February 2018  
Hon. Richard Wynne  
Minister for Planning  
D.E.L.W. P.

Dear Minister,

**RE: Macedon Ranges Localised Planning Statement**

Our family, together with a large number of the Macedon Ranges Community attended the Gisborne Golf Course Meeting at which you announced the Government's intentions for the promised and long awaited protection for the Macedon Ranges. At the conclusion of the meeting we were confident that Statement of Planning Policy No.8 would be restored and further convinced when legislation was introduced last year.

All of that confidence has been shattered and the promise broken by the Draft Localised Planning Statement which :

- Ignores the advice of The Macedon Ranges Advisory Committee to which many of the community made submissions.
- Ignores the promise to restore SPP8.
- Ignores Woodend Town Structure Plan, which was supported by the community, after consultation, and gazetted by the Minister in 2017.
- Ignores the C98 Amendment for Woodend and extends the existing town boundary, which would allow development of rural land without the need for rezoning. This is a gift to developers and an insult to the community. It threatens natural resources for water supply, native vegetation conservation, agricultural land and tourism.
- Promotes a growth plan instead of protection. Ignores the study which determined Woodend had enough supply of land within the existing town boundary until 2036.
- Does not reference land use threats.

The LPS is disrespectful to the people of the Macedon Ranges and must be rewritten referencing SPP8 and taking into account all the recommendations

of the Advisory Committee if it is to conform with the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Bill and not make a mockery of it.

Yours faithfully

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