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To whom it may concern:

As a resident of ██████████ for more than ███ years, I am very concerned to see that the current Victorian government has produced a Localised Planning Statement (LPS) that does not protect many of the things that the Macedon Ranges area needs protection from.

In short, the LPS doesn't do what the legislation being introduced to protect the Macedon Ranges is supposed to do, nor does it do what the Macedon Ranges Protection Advisory Committee said it should do. It discards Statement of Planning Policy No. 8 when what is required is a policy statement. The LPS doesn't include implementation, doesn't say it is 'binding' on public entities, and doesn't identify threats while incompletely identifies attributes. Furthermore, it contains a Framework Plan that is meaningless and doesn't assist with decision-making.

In fact, the LPS provides less protection, not more for our towns, character, landscapes, heritage, rural land and environment than we have now. As a ██████████ resident I have already witnessed far too much growth for this region and am greatly concerned that the current LPS is in fact an urban growth plan further accelerating the rate of development for the Macedon Ranges, and therefore does not represent the protection that the Victorian government promised for this region when seeking election in 2014.

These significant deficiencies need to be addressed, so that this region can receive the protections so badly needed and desired by the people of in this shire.

Yours sincerely,

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