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Re: Macedon Ranges Draft Localised Planning Statement

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I am deeply concerned that the Macedon Ranges Draft Localised Planning Statement doesn't reflect the wishes of the local community.

It appears that the planning statement supports wide scale growth for the region, with town boundaries being extended en masse and significant parcels of rural land being rezoned for residential development.

The Macedon Ranges community does not want housing estates full of poorly-built project homes crowding the townships and putting further strain on the roads, public transport and local amenities. If you're planning to expand the town boundaries and release rural land for wide scale development, what are you doing to support local services and amenities to accommodate new residents?

Ultimately, the general feeling among residents is that every institution from the local council to the State Government and the Federal Government can not be trusted. Corruption, bribery, greed and self-interests seem to rule government at every level in this country and the Macedon Ranges is no exception to this.

Ultimately, you've attempted to dress up an urban growth plan as a protection plan, and it's this sneaky, underhanded way of pushing through legislation that fuels anger and distrust within the community.

I am also concerned that the online survey is disingenuous. Wording survey questions in a way to slant responses towards supporting the government's wishes is both dishonest and insulting for local rate payers.

While legislating to protect a region is a great move, the localised planning statement gives a green light to urban sprawl encroaching on rural regions, and it's for this reason that I do not accept that the Localised Planning Statement is protecting the Macedon Ranges. The government is not listening to the people of Macedon Ranges.

Regards,

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