

Attention: Fiona DePreu

I am a resident of [REDACTED] in the Macedon Ranges, and I am writing to register my concern about the proposed Localised Planning Statement for the region.

I believe the LPS goes against both what the Macedon Ranges Protection Advisory Committee has advised and what the legislation being introduced to protect Macedon Ranges aims for. It deletes Statement of Planning Policy Number 8 when it is supposed to be based on that policy.

Furthermore, it provides less protection, not more, for our towns, character, landscapes, heritage, rural land and environment than we have now. It is a growth plan that is not sustainable within this community. Plans have to be made with conscious acknowledgments of the confines of the environment for which it is aimed. We are a community not long out of extreme difficulties through drought. Don't push for change that will push these difficulties to become something worse.

Additionally, the LPS focuses only on heritage, biodiversity and landscapes of State and National significance, not all significance. It provides no protection for our towns, and is not policy or integrated policy, and isn't a Statement of Planning Policy. It doesn't include implementation, doesn't say it is 'binding' on public entities, doesn't identify threats and incompletely identifies attributes. All proposals for change should identify shortcomings, potential misconceptions and unknowns or it is an ultimately meaningless proposal, advertising an apparent limit of foresight. Its Framework Plan cannot assist with decision-making.

The LPS is also not reconcilable with the State government's commitment to protection and is unacceptable.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.

Regards,

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