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Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING PROPOSAL-"KYEEMA' GUNDAROO ROAD, GUNDAROO (PP-2013-03)

I refer to your letter dated 13 November 2013 regarding the proposed rezoning of land from RU1 Primary Production to RU5 Village and part E3 Environmental Management.

The report provided by Soil and Land Conservation Consulting appears to lack detail on which to base comment.

The report should comprehensively address soil capability and potential groundwater impacts.

However based on observations from a similar rezoning proposal in Gundaroo, the maintenance of on-site wastewater treatment systems is critical in order to protect groundwater, and council must commit to a comprehensive and robust monitoring and enforcement program.

It should be a condition on any council consent that groundwater must not be used for drinking or domestic purposes due to the risk of faecal contamination.

Prior to occupation, all future residents must be provided the adequate information on the importance of maintaining rainwater tanks and on-site sewage management systems in order to protect public health and the environment.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on (02) 4824 1842 or fax (02) 4824 1831.

Yours sincerely

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