



Department of
Primary Industries



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General Manager
Yass Valley Council
PO Box 6
YASS NSW 2582

Attn: Liz Makin

Dear Ms Makin

RE: Yass Valley Rural Land Planning Proposal (PP-2012-01)

I write in reply to your letter of 27 November 2014 to Ms Polly Bennett, Acting Deputy Director General seeking clarification of the agencies position in relation to the planning proposal (PP-2012-01).

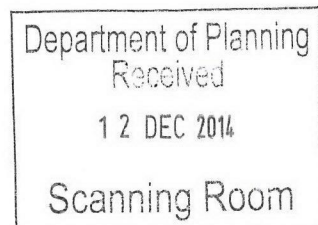
The NSW Government strongly supports agricultural industry development as evidenced by the recent launch of the Agriculture Industry Action Plan under the State's Economic Development Framework. Within this context the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) regards land and water as essential natural resources underpinning economic development of the sector. The Department is working to achieve long term sustainable access to these resources.

Our response of 19 September 2014, stated that DPI did not support the proposal in its entirety, and proposed an alternative that we considered was more sympathetic to the broad objective of agricultural industry development. The response was not expressed as an objection.

I am aware of the Department of Planning and Environment's advice to you of 17 November 2014, regarding agency objections and your options to progress the planning proposal. I recommend that you inform them of this further advice in seeking to resolve this issue.

Yours sincerely

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ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
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cc: Brett Whitworth, Department of Planning & Environment