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Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING PROPOSAL- SUTTON ROAD AND FAITHFUL STREET, GUNDAROO (PP-2013-01)

I refer to your letter dated 13 November 2013 regarding the proposed rezoning of land from RU1 Primary Production to RU5 Village and R2 Low Density Residential.

While the Barker Harle Geotechnical report recommends that the site may be suitable for future residential Development, it was conditional on addressing several issues including:

- 1. The management and removal of nutrients from treated effluent prior to on-site disposal
- 2. The application of Gypsum to disposal areas (1kg/m2)

The report identified a number of shallow bores in the area that were used for domestic purposes. The importance of maintaining on-site wastewater treatment systems in order to protect groundwater was highlighted in the report, 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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