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Attention: Mr Jim Cook

Dear Sir

FURTHER ADVICE REGARDING THE PERMISSIBILITY OF PROPOSED TEMPORARY WORKERS ACCOMMODATION – LOTS 348,350 346 AND PART 476 DP 755433, COPE ROAD GULGONG

Reference is made to a number of meetings regarding your proposed temporary workers accommodation village on the outskirts of Gulgong.

Please be advised that Council has further considered the nature of the proposed development. Council is of the opinion that the correct characterisation of the proposed use is as Tourist and Visitor Accommodation as defined in the Mid-Western Regional Interim Local Environmental Plan 2008 and as such Council is no longer of the opinion that the use is an innominate use.

Tourist and Visitor Accommodation is defined under the Mid-Western Regional Interim LEP 2008 as:

"means a building or place that provides temporary or short-term accommodation on a commercial basis, and includes hotel accommodation, serviced apartments, bed and breakfast accommodation and backpackers' accommodation."

Please note that as the subject land is currently zoned Agriculture under the Mid-Western Regional Interim LEP 2008, the proposed use of the land so characterised is a prohibited use.

Should you have any further enquires regarding this matter please contact myself or Gary Bruce of Council's Planning and Development Department on 2 02 6378 2850.

Yours faithfully

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