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Attention: Mr Ben Jones – Principle Strategic Planner

Planning Proposal PP-2023-1549

Dear Mr Head

Thank you for your correspondence via the NSW Planning Portal on 13 September 2023 and the opportunity to provide comment on Rural Lands Study Planning Proposal.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

DPI Agriculture has reviewed the planning proposal and has no objection to the planning proposal proceeding noting the consistency with the Greater Sydney Regional Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities, and the Northern District Plan.

We understand the proposal is implementing some of the short-term recommendations from the Hornsby Rural Lands Study and these amendments will affect land within the Metropolitan Rural Area (MRA). We consider the proposal will not adversely impact local agricultural production, rather the intent is to support agricultural and tourism industries by enabling diversification within the rural zones. The inclusion of Clause 5.16 to require development assessments to consider land use conflict issues as well as clarifying development controls for appropriate development within the rural zones of the Hornsby LGA is supported.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely



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