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Hi David

Further to email below, please find attached relevant documents received from Local Land Services regarding potato growing.

Regards, Daniel

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**From:** Daniel Bennett  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 September 2018 12:06 PM  
**To:** 'David Way'  
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Hi David

During the teleconference I indicated that I would make further inquiries regarding the following two items.

- 1 Are there any studies that Council is aware of that document the impact of potato growing in terms of nutrient and sediment escape?
- 2 The use of alternative mulch materials to black plastic in association with a blueberry farm in Bellingen Shire.

I indicated that I would make inquiries with Local Land Services regarding point 1, and would discuss point 2 with another contact who I recalled had inspected another farm in Bellingen Shire.

With respect to Point 1, I have discussed this with Local Land Services and they are aware of a historic report that did look at sediment loss from potato farms, and they are also aware of a Code of Practice that was developed in response. They are currently attempting to locate these documents which I will send through to you as soon as they become available.

With respect to Point 2, I have since been advised that the farm I was thinking of had not been inspected and is not, to our knowledge, organic. Notwithstanding this, I am advised that there is a blueberry farm in Nambucca Shire (to the immediate south of the Bellingen LGA) that does operate as an organic farm

and does not use the black plastic mulch that is typical of the majority of blueberry farms elsewhere on the north coast.

I have also attached a photo montage of a blueberry farm established within Bellingen Shire that has been the subject of Council investigations with respect to sedimentation of a watercourse, and that also illustrates the black plastic mulch used on these farms.

Regards, Daniel

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**Attachment 3 – Gateway determination review process**

