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By email: [REDACTED]

Attention: Kate Wooll, Business Manager Strategic Planning

Dear Warwick

**Urban and Fringe Housing Strategy Goulburn and Marulan - Endorsement**

Thank you for requesting the Department's endorsement of Council's Urban and Fringe Housing Strategy Goulburn and Marulan. I would like to congratulate Council for preparing the Strategy to assist meeting housing demands generated by expected continued population growth. The Strategy, in conjunction with Council's recently adopted Local Strategic Planning Statement, provides a modern strategic planning framework to assist Council to guide growth and development in the LGA into the future.

The Housing Strategy will allow further consideration of identified lands to provide housing choice in Goulburn and Marulan in a sustainable manner that protects important environmental and rural land and natural resources.

I am pleased to endorse the Strategy subject to detailed assessment of the constraints on housing opportunity sites identified in the Strategy through the planning proposal process. Where possible, Council is encouraged to provide an assessment of environmental and other constraints, including validation of any significant environmental land, prior to lodging planning proposals with the Department for Gateway determination.

However, at this time the proposed large lot residential opportunity sites in the Sooley and Marulan East Precincts are not endorsed as further assessment of the environmental and other constraints is required to demonstrate the suitability of these areas for urban development. Council could consider undertaking further strategic planning for these sites in consultation with the community and agencies to address constraints.

The Department looks forward to working with Council to implement the Strategy. If you would like to discuss this matter you can contact me on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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