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Attention General Manager

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Dear Sir.

Re: Lithgow City Council Draft LEP 2013

Thank you for giving the community an opportunity to respond to Lithgow City Councils draft LEP 2013.

As you are aware I have previously addressed Lithgow City Councils Land Use Strategy 2010 -2030 Exhibition Period 5th May – 16th June 2011. I wish for those documents to be included with my submission. The main issues raised were the proposed boundaries and zoning for heavy industrial proposals which did not reflect a balance, inclusion or respect for compatible living for residents or protect the natural areas surrounding of Blackmans Flat and Lidsdale.

I put forward that Blackmans Flat eastern boundary for industrial zoning for any current and future development mining and power generation industries are from the entrance of Springvale Coals proposed Western Coal Services and Lithgow City Councils waste facility and no further than Boulder Road, this would not include any area currently known as Ben Bullen State Forest. However there are still opportunities for mining to continue with underground board and pillar mining, with comprehensive management plans. This still allows for the current and proposed industries' to continue with future transitional planning. The remaining part of Blackmans Flat to be rural residential.

The current draft LEP 2013 has acknowledged a number of significant areas listed which include Sensitive Lands, Bio diverse areas and sensitive water catchment areas. As you are well aware Blackmans Flat is bordering the Ben Bullen State Forest which you have listed as a natural bio-diverse area as well as sensitive water catchment area, in which both local government and state government have currently and in the past impacted on those areas with approvals of power and mining related industries. I therefore expect that with this new draft that those areas will be protected from any future and current development applications for those industries. Please refer to those known impacts and recommendations from Sydney Catchment Audit 2010 recommendations for this area, as well as Coalpac Consolidation Project PAC 1 recommendation and acknowledgements for Ben Bullen State Forest unique bio-diverse area.

I call upon Council to diverse its economic future planning with transitioning now with new economic development and growth to provide not only future opportunities for employment for our younger generations but as well promoting our natural areas for tourism.

I also seek Lithgow City Council to continuously improve future employment opportunities with Energy Australia in working towards a renewable energy site at the second stage of Mt Piper.

I would like to include in this submission the current lack of integrity from Lithgow City Council for not providing an equal balance for its entire community and disappointed and embarrassed that Council has not supported or to seek out, listen and converse with the Cullen Bullen community with its appeal to reject the Coalpac Consolidated Project which is well documented of evidence that this community will have severe health impacts. Please do not insult me with that those issues have been addressed, they have not. Whilst it may provide opportunity for one part of the community in relation to jobs it does not support the residents of this community. You have divided a community. It may line the pockets of a very few at the cost of other residents lives and homes. It is also noted that Cullen Bullen current and future plans by Council to be zoned as a village.

Thank you for your time and request a response for this submission.

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