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Dear Mr Hamilton

#### RE: DRAFT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN NO. 20

Reference is made to your recent submission to Council.

The issues raised in your submission will be considered in conjunction with all other relevant matters prior to a decision being made.

Should the matter be the subject of a report to Council this will be advertised in the Northern Star in Council's newsletter.

You are advised to contact Council's Planning Services Division in fourteen (14) days time should you wish to ascertain the outcome of your submission.

Yours faithfully

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STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT ANNUAL REPORTING BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Local Government Act 1993 requires councils to prepare annual reports on the "state of the environment" (SOE) and to this end requires the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to prepare guidelines for the preparation of these reports. These guide lines are contained in "SOE REPORTING BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Environmental Guidelines", 1993.

The first SOE Report is to be made by May 1994.

The guidelines set out "themes" and "indicators" to be considered. The Act requires that there be community consultation in preparing these reports.

In both the statewide MO review being conducted by the DOP, and, the MO survey being prepared by the Lismore City Council, it would appear to be appropriate that consideration be given to using the "themes" and "indicators" outlined in the above publication on the grounds of efficiency, viz to avoid unnecessary duplication by council staff and repetitive returns by MO communities.

The following is a checklist of "themes" and "indicators" that are seen to have relevance to the "state of MO settlement" and hence may be found to be useful in preparing questions in any review of MO. (It is to be noted that any particular "indicator" may apply to more than one "theme" area).

CHECKLIST OF THEMES AND INDICATORS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PREPARING ANNUAL SOE REPORTS IN RESPECT TO MO SETTLEMENT

- NOTES (1) Headings in bold type are those used in the EPA Guidelines on SOE Reporting by councils).
  - (2) The SOE "indicators" in this checklist have been selected on the basis of possible relevance to MO settlement. Some have rephrased and/or amplified.

#### 1.0 AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

- 1.1 Are there areas on the property which you considered are "environmentally sensitive" and the community takes steps to protect or conserve?
- 1.2 Does the community engage in reforestation of native trees on the property?
- 1.3 Are there creeks, rivers (shared), springs, dams, bores or the like on the property?
- 1.4 Is the quality of water held as being a valued natural resource?
- 1.5 Are steps taken to attain the highest possible level of the quality of the water, and, that natural water sources are not polluted by eg sewerage, toxic chemicals or the like?
- 1.6 Have steps been taken to verify if there are any Aboriginal sites of significance on the property?
- 1.7 Is there a pressure to erode sensitive environmental areas by, for example, clear felling of trees, or over grazing?

### Unique landscape or vegetation

- 1.8 Are there areas on the property which you consider have unique features, or are unique vantage points, or, contain unique vegetation?
- 1.9 Is there a bushfire management plan for the property?

#### 2.0 BIODIVERSITY

## Wildlife and Habitat Corridors

2.1 Are there wildlife habitats and corridors on the property?

- 2.2 If there area feral animals on the property does the community have a policy re containing or eradicating such animals?
- 2.3 Does the community have a policy on weed control and management?

# Threatened species of flora and fauna

- 2.4 Are there rare and/or endangered species of flora and/or fauna on the property?
- 3.0 WASTE AND POLLUTION

## Waste Management Policy

- 3.1 Does the community foster alternative forms of sewerage disposal and the reuse and recycling of materials?
- 3.2 Does the community have its own garbage disposal area?
- 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROJECTS
- 4.1 Have any members of the community been involved in restoration activities or in a Landcare group?
- 4.2 Are there areas of old growth forest on the property?
- 4.3 Is the land considered to be degraded and if so, what rehabilitation or restoration has been undertaken?
- 5.0 HUMAN ACTIVITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS

#### Demographic

5.1 Demographic data; (population, ethnicity, age, economic status, dwelling occupancy density, employment, trend in growth rate, and the like)?

# Human impact on the rural environment

5.2 Impact on air quality, noise and the like. Use of chemical fertilisers, contaminated sites, waste disposal sites, heritage sites and the like. Visual impact of the development from vantage points outside the property?

## Energy efficiency

5.3 Level of energy generation (solar, wind, water organic etc)?

#### Land type

5.4 Degree to which the land is utilised within its capability?