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"Mandeville"

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PARKES SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT

Dear Oona and the Planning Team on the Parkes SAP

We are writing in *objection* to the draft plan that was released on the 20 September 2019 about the Special Activation Precinct proposed for the land west of Parkes.

The major reason that we object to this Plan is that it will effect our families future greatly. We are a farming family that have been farming in the Parkes area for the last five generations. We are very concerned over the viability of our business if this development (or part thereof) goes ahead.

We have a well-established business that has taken many years and funds to build, which consists of land ownership and leased land. Of the 4800ha area that has been targeted for the SAP, approximately 1700ha of the amount is being farmed by us and has been for many years. This means that our business is at the highest risk of demise in regards to the plans.

We are very concerned that if the plans do go ahead, we will be given the challenge of trying to find an adjoining parcel of land, the same size, in the close proximity of Parkes and to our other properties; this would be near impossible considering farming land is very tightly held in the Parkes area.

Farming has been in our family for many years and we have spent an extraordinary amount of time, money, blood, sweat, and tears to provide for future generations. With both of our families combined we have 6 children; with some very keen, excited future farmers among them.

We have also put in a lot of effort and funds to establish and make improvements to infrastructure on the land. This includes our homes, sheds, stockyards, grain storage sheds, silos, fences, water storage/bores and pipes. There has also been a distinct amount of investment in soil nutrients and soil health of which we planned as a long term investment.

There are also concerns that the sale of land will trigger capital gains tax, solicitor fees, accountant's fees and stamp duty on new land purchases. We have invested a large sum of money to set up neighbouring properties that we own that are not included in the plan, to allow us to be able to run the same seed

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varieties and stock. As we have created this layout, it has also benefited us as we do not need to travel long distances to reach our properties.

We are very disappointed by the lack of thorough consultation and non-inclusion in the planning process. We are very keen to continue our farming enterprise, and feel that not a lot of consideration has been given to the effects this will have on us. It's hard enough managing the drought, which we always consider in our planning, but now have to deal with the possibility of a huge loss of land as well.

With these things and many more in mind we would like to know how you plan on compensating local businesses (farming businesses who own land, and lease land) affected by these plans.

We also want to know a timeframe of what will be likely to happen, as we need to be able to have an idea for how to plan for the future of our families and farms eg. stock purchases, crop rotation plans, soil improvement, our children's educational direction if they cannot be farmers, etc.

Yours sincerely



Brad Field
PARTNER

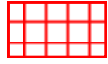


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