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Dear Employment Zones Reform team.

Council thanks you for the further opportunity to provide feedback on the Proposed Employment Zones Framework.

We have reviewed the public exhibition documents contained on the DPIE website and in general terms there is no fundamental concern with the Framework. In April 2021, when DPIE completed some preliminary local Council consultation, we advised that 'many of the proposed changes/options would better suit our regional situation and circumstance' and there is no change to our general thoughts after reviewing the draft Framework documentation.

A couple of specific aspects warrant comment as below:

- Proposed Employment Zones the range of zones is supported, however to avoid confusion with established Environmental 'E' zones it is suggested the family of zones be named 'Employment Land Zones' and given an 'EL' prefix; and
- Potential consolidated land use definitions The proposed 'trades retail premises' including landscaping supplies, timber yards and rural supplies should be permitted with consent in the proposed E4 General Industrial zone as well as E1-E3. Typically these uses can be found in General Industrial areas as they are not sensitive to nuisance from industries and they often need a larger site area to operate effectively.

Council will be completing review of Employment Lands in the upcoming financial year and hopes that the timing of that strategic planning work complements changes proposed under the Framework by the NSW Government. We will be in touch with your team to ensure the scope of our strategic investigation and planning work considers key aspects of the Framework.

Any further enquiries can be directed to me on phone Yours faithfully



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