



15 July 2014

**Ms Alexandra O'Mara,**

Director, Assessment Policy, Systems and Stakeholder Engagement,  
Department of Planning and Infrastructure,  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

***RE: Coal Seam Gas Exclusion Zones Submission***

***HVPA urges the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to revert to the original Strategic Land Use Plan which enveloped the whole winegrowing region to protect the agriculture and tourism industries into the future***

Dear Ms O'Mara,

We would like to bring the attached submission to your attention.

Our submission is that the Critical Industry Cluster - Viticulture in relation to the registered Broke Fordwich winegrowing subregion should revert to the original Strategic Land Use Plan which enveloped the whole winegrowing region.

In summary, it is unacceptable that an internationally registered winegrowing and tourism region, such as Broke Fordwich, should be divided into winegrowing and coal seam methane gas extraction zones.

We attach our submission and supporting documentation for your response.

On behalf of HVPA, I would also like to express our ongoing frustration with the NSW Government's requests for (re)submission. In addition to our submission of 8 November 2013, this submission comes at a high financial cost to both HVPA and the community from which the submission is derived. There appears to be a lack of recognition that a submission has been received and is being considered. We wanted to share these concerns with you regarding this process for consideration in the future.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review and respond.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on mobile: 0408 234 773 or email: [sfe364@outlook.com](mailto:sfe364@outlook.com)

Yours sincerely,

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