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Dear Ms Miller

I refer to your letter concerning Report 1/55 of the Committee on Economic Development, *Establishment of special economic zones*.

Recommendation 2 of the Committee's report asks the NSW Government to consider the impact of the planning system on border economies, as part of the current review of the NSW planning system.

The Green Paper *A New Planning System for New South Wales* emphasised the role of planning in facilitating and managing growth and economic development in NSW. *The Way Ahead for Planning in NSW – Recommendations of the NSW Planning System Review: Volume 2 – Other Issues* also recommended that the potential cross border impacts of a development proposal be considered during its assessment.

In preparing the White Paper, the impact of the planning system on border economies and the potential for the new planning system to address the issues set out in the Committee's report is being considered. In particular, there is scope for the strategic planning process set out in the Green Paper to address the impact of the planning system on border economies.

The Government proposes to release the White Paper for the new planning system shortly, and will seek submissions following its release. I encourage the Committee to make a submission on the White Paper, in relation to border economies, if it sees fit.

Should you or the Committee have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged for Kim Shaw, Project Manager in the Office of the Director General, to assist you. Ms Shaw can be contacted on 9228 6263.

Yours sincerely

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