Submission No 66

INQUIRY INTO LAND VALUATION SYSTEM

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Joint Committee on the Office of the Valuer General Parliament House Macquarie St Sydney NSW 2000 March 8 2013

RE: Inquiry into Land Valuation System

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to offer my short submission as I have only just found out about the inquiry on this last day for submissions to be lodged. Therefore I do not have time to prepare a report of actual figures for the purpose of this submission.

In our experience with the Valuer General's valuations for our rural properties in the Mudgee region we have not been satisfied with the valuations given and have had to lodge objections to the values on more than one occasion. These objections have resulted in a revaluation of our land values in some instances but not in others. The revaluation is based on an independent valuer's inspection of the property concerned.

We feel that the valuations given in our case and many others in our area are consistently over valued and not a real representation of values in the area. This means we have to consistently object and go through the process of lodging an objection to have a more realistic value placed on our properties. This does not give us any confidence in the methods used by the Valuer General's Department to value land in our area.

Thank you. Yours Sincerely,

Mudgee NSW 2850.