Submission No 4

INQUIRY INTO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES

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NARROMINE SHIRE COUNCIL

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1 August, 2011

The Director Standing Committee on State Development Parliament House Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

Economic and Social Development in Central Western New South Wales

Please find attached copy of a report, compiled by PSI Delta, on behalf of Narromine and Warren Shire Councils, which we believe will assist in the abovementioned Inquiry.

The report entitled 'Narromine & Warren Shire Councils Socio-Economic study of Lower Macquarie Valley: climate, policy and water' is in two parts (within the same volume); the second part being 'Narromine and Warren Shires the Imperatives and Adaptation'.

The project was part of the Australian Government 'Water for the Future to establish the Strengthening Basin Communities program for local governments in the Murray Darling Basin for -a) Planning to assist them in community-wide planning for a future with less water and -b) Water Saving initiatives including cost effective water infrastructure that meets the needs of communities now and into the future.

From the Stage 1: Socio-Economic Study of LMV, the key challenges and directions for the region can be seen as:

- Maximising the benefit of the water assets;
- Improving the people asset;
- Developing a regional planning process.

These three directions form the imperatives that make up the first part of this report. The Adaptation Plan, provided in the latter section, is also broken into component parts, to meet and address the following regional needs:

- Economic development;
- Social development;
- Meeting the changing needs of state and federal policy;
- Infrastructure maintenance and improvement;
- Council service impacts;
- Each of these plans includes the key challenges that are addressed and recommends both actions to meet those challenges and a staged implementation programme of the actions.

Please address all Correspondence to the General Manager, PO Box 115 Narromine NSW 2821 Telephone: (02) 6889 9999 Facsimile: (02) 6889 9998 Office Address: 124 Dandaloo Street Email: mail@narromine.nsw.gov.au Web site: www.narromine.nsw.gov.au Narromine Shire Council adopted the completed documents at its meeting on 21st June 2011 and forwarded it to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities.

Any inquiries regarding the abovementioned documents or the project may be directed to Council's General Manager, Greg Lamont.

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Yours faithfully,

Cr Bill McAnally, **Mayor.**

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