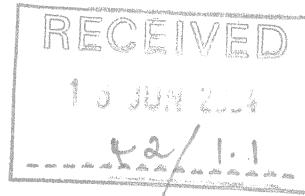


9th June 2004



Mr Ian Cohen MLC
Chair
Inquiry into Murrumbidgee College of Agriculture
Parliament House
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Cohen

Re: Inquiry to Murrumbidgee College of Agriculture
General Purpose Standing Committee No 5

We have noted Item 1 (d) of the Terms of Reference of this Inquiry that reference is made to the transfer of Tocal to the Department of Education and Training.

We are local residents and parents of a previous student who is employed in an agricultural industry. We can personally attest to the excellent management and operation of Tocal. The College has a reputation of excellence both nationally and internationally – this was recently recognized by the College receiving status as a Centre of Excellence.

The College we believe is an important part of both Maitland, the Hunter, the people of NSW and successfully services the community in a delivery of a wide range of agricultural, environmental and related programs. The Tocal Field Day is an important event in the agricultural community. There are many associations and community organizations that support Tocal to further its objectives because of the institution it is.

We think that NSW Parliament should endorse current operational arrangements of Tocal and cannot understand why any changes should be considered to change the successful management and operation of Tocal.

The management and operation we strongly believe should remain with the Ministry for Agriculture (Ministry for Primary Industries) and seek both your and your Committee members support in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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