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Revised Planning and Design Code Consultation

Previously, Livestock SA has made submissions on Phase Two (Rural Areas) and Phase Three (Urban Areas) of the Draft Planning and Design Code Consultation.

As part of these submissions, we raised a number of issues, including conflict between primary production industries. We still do not believe that this issue is addressed in the revised Planning and Design Code.

It is essential that it is recognised in the Code that there are a range of primary production enterprises and in some instances, conflicting interface issues between these. There still appears to be no mention in the draft State's planning rules of how to protect these from other than urban development. In particular, there needs to be mention of how to handle conflict between broadacre agriculture (which livestock is a large part of) and horticulture/viticulture.

The Valuer-General has tried to address the issue with a revised spray drift policy, but she has moved from having two separate policies to just "Valuation of Land Affected by Spray Drift." The previous "Valuation of Farming Land Adjoining Sensitive Land Uses Directive" policy worked relatively effectively in conjunction with the "Valuation of Land Affected by Spray Drift" policy as each document was dealing with different land parcels.

Livestock SA's stance remains that if we are to protect and grow existing broadacre agriculture and to avoid conflict with other agricultural pursuits, there needs to be policies in place ensuring that with any change from current agricultural use, it becomes the responsibility of the landowner making the change in the land use, including to more intensive agriculture, viticulture and horticulture, to provide the appropriate buffers and anything else that may be required.

There are several potential options that have previously been suggested including introducing buffer standards, the need for any proposed change of land use from farming to horticulture/viticulture to require public notification, or to rezone affected land to rural living. Until this issue is addressed, we believe the new Code is incomplete.

Further clarification and explanation is still required on what is required for anyone considering new horticulture or viticulture plantings where this will replace broadacre agriculture and is next to neighbouring existing broadacre agriculture.

An associated issue also needing to be addressed, in the peri-urban zone in particular, is where broadacre land becomes non-viable due to restrictions imposed by approved new activities. There does not appear to be any procedures in the Code on how this often now redundant land is dealt with.

Livestock SA remains concerned that broadacre livestock production has already been virtually squeezed out of this zone, with a resultant loss of economic production for the State.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Curtis', is positioned above the typed name.

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