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Dear Mr Mann, Ms Hugo, Cr Pynsent and Cr Nelmes

I am pleased to respond to recent correspondence and discussions regarding opportunities to improve land use and development processes throughout regional New South Wales, and specifically within the Hunter region.

As you are aware, staff from Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) have been working collaboratively with representatives from your respective organisations. This collaboration has recently delivered:

- a TfNSW internal review into the issues raised in your correspondence
- establishment of a reference group consisting of representatives from industry, local government, and State agencies
- several meetings with the Minister for Transport, Ministerial staff and Senior Executives from across TfNSW, and
- the creation of my new Director-level role within TfNSW's Regional and Outer Metropolitan team to focus on land use and development opportunities.

I am delighted to advise that, in addition to the above, this collaboration has now delivered improvements to the security deposit requirements for Works Authorisation Deeds (WADs) in Regional and Outer Metropolitan NSW. Effective immediately, the requirement for security deposits in Regional and Outer Metropolitan NSW will be reduced to 50 per cent of the estimated construction costs at signing and a retention of 25 per cent during the defects liability stage. TfNSW will now commence a review and renegotiation of each security deposit in line with the new direction.

This reduction is just one small step forward in our renewed focus on improving customer services to deliver integrated transport solutions. We thank you for your engagement to date and look forward to collaborating further with you and your colleagues for the benefit of both the Hunter region and the State.

Should you have any further questions, please contact me directly via [Damien.Pfeiffer@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Damien.Pfeiffer@transport.nsw.gov.au) or mobile 0400978105.

Regards

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I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which I work and live, pay my respects to Elders past and present and recognise continued connection to country.



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