# Hume City Council
## Rural Community Engagement Plan

### Council actions in accordance with the Community Engagement Framework

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### Community actions

- **Rural Landowners & Local Land Management Community Groups**
  - Council will advocate to the State Government for enforcement of priority weeds and keep the rural community informed.
  - Council will continue to organise and provide a variety of workshops, training and field days for weed and land management.
  - Council will facilitate a series of forums to discuss key land management issues and collaborate with rural landowners in addressing the issues.
  - Local land management community groups and individuals should write to the State Government to advocate.

- **Landowner & Community Group Action**
  - Council will support and fund community led workshops, training and field days through the Conserving our Rural Environment grant.
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- **Funding & Incentive Schemes**
  - Council will provide meaningful education for hard waste collection and rubbish dumping in rural areas.
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- **Waste, Pollution & Soil**
  - Council will continue to audit and assess landowners eligibility and compliance for the Agricultural Land Use rebate and Conserving our Rural Environment grant.
  - Council will investigate opportunities to enhance native vegetation on rural roadides and consult with key stakeholders.

- **Environment Protection**
  - Council will actively apply for funding to support and enhance existing incentive schemes offered to rural landowners.
  - Council will support revegetation and the creation of wildlife corridors in Hume through the Conserving our Rural Environment grant.

- **Green Wedge & Planning**
  - Council will advocate to the State Government for enforcement of priority weeds and keep the rural community informed.
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  - Council will provide meaningful education for hard waste collection and rubbish dumping in rural areas.

- **Council**
  - Council will inform and regularly update the rural community about relevant planning issues and which authority is responsible.
  - Council will be proactive in seeking information from authorities about planning issues that are of concern to the rural community.
  - Rural community to raise issues and concerns with Ward Councillors as necessary.

### KEY ISSUES

- **TIMEFRAME:** Ongoing
- **Weed Control & Land Management**
- **Landowner & Community Group Action**
- **Funding & Incentive Schemes**
- **Waste, Pollution & Soil**
- **Environment Protection**
- **Green Wedge & Planning**
- **Council**

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Weed Control & Land Management

- Council will investigate and research into by-laws for weed control with other Local Governments and the State Government.

Landowner & Community Group Action

- Council will investigate incorporating issues associated with cats into the pest animal action plan.
- Council will investigate its role in managing kangaroos on public land and consult with relevant stakeholders.
- Council will organise a forum on kangaroo management in the rural areas and involve relevant stakeholders.
- Council will support and assist the formation of local pest animal management action groups.
- Rural landowners to actively initiate and participate in local action for pest animal control.

Pest Animals (exotic & native)

- Council will investigate the issues associated with transportation of agricultural machinery in peri-urban areas and advocate to the State Government and VicRoads for improved regulations.
- Council will discuss issues and advocate for action with motorbikes and associated rural land issues. Council will also continue to work with developers to reduce incidences of illegal soil dumping.
- Council will review the existing policy for rural areas and develop a new rural areas land use strategy and involve the rural community.
- Rural landowners and local land management groups to advocate to the State Government for changes to zoning, overlays, minimum subdivision and permitted activities.

Vehicles, Machinery & Roads

- Council will investigate and research into an increase in financial support for the Agricultural Land Use rebate and inform participants.

Funding & Incentive Schemes

- Council will investigate and promote alternative land use options and viable business opportunities in Hume’s rural areas to assist landowners in diversifying their land use and generating income from their land.

Green Wedge & Planning

- Council will advocate to the State Government for changes to zoning, overlays, minimum subdivision and permitted activities as a consequence of a new policy.
- Council will review the existing policy for rural areas and develop a new rural areas land use strategy and involve the rural community.

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