

NATIONALS

for Regional NSW

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Dear Editor,

The NSW Liberals and Nationals believe we need a proper strategic process in regards to the mining of agricultural lands and the exploration and mining of coal seam gas, and we'll continue to work towards that.

We will be taking a strategic approach that reflects the need to apply the precautionary principle.

What is certain is that any future development will be taken cautiously and must pass tough planning approvals.

We need to be certain that any future mining or coal seam extraction does not interfere with aquifers and does not have an adverse impact on productivity or the environment.

The NSW Liberals and Nationals will release a comprehensive policy in relation to these important issues in the coming months, though it is not something that can be rushed.

Be assured that we believe that as a basis, there are some agricultural lands and other sensitive areas in NSW where mining related activity and coal seam gas extraction should not occur.

Yours sincerely,

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