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NSW miners support strategic framework for land use planning

A statement from NSW Minerals Council CEO Stephen Galilee

The NSW minerals industry supports the development of a strategic framework for land use planning, but rather than imposing blanket exclusion zones we believe project proposals should be assessed on their merits on a case-by-case basis within that framework.

We are a committed and active member of the Stakeholder Reference Group, which is providing feedback to the government as it develops its land use policy. We're looking forward to continuing the dialogue in a positive way so that the Government can make informed and responsible decisions about land use planning.

Both mining and agriculture are hugely important for the State's economy. The mining sector will continue to work through these issues in a constructive way because we want a State where mining and agriculture can both keep making a big contribution to our society and our economy.

These are complex issues with significant implications and there are no easy answers, so it is important to keep the facts in mind. Agriculture accounts for 76 percent of the State's land, mining accounts for just one-tenth of one-percent of the State's land. And the vast majority of mining takes place on lower value grazing land or land that isn't arable.

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