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To: FoodSupplyInquiry
Subject: Re: EPC | Inquiry into securing the Victorian food supply | Hearing transcript and questions on notice - For response

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Hi Sam

Thanks for following this up and apologies for the delay in replying. I am recommending an audit of the minimum lot size permitted through subdivision in the rural zones. This would include the use of the various provisions including zone and schedule requirements.

One of a number of issues here is that some councils seem to have extended the Green Wedge A zone into areas outside the land types intended. This is resulting in a much lower minimum subdivision size than that appropriate.

It would be good to gain a clear picture of the minimum subdivision sizes being applied for all zones across the whole of the non-urban zones. This could serve as a first step in evaluating the adequacy of the subdivision controls which currently apply - we need to find out what is happening as a basis for an evaluation of effectiveness.

Hope this helps.

Michael.
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From: FoodSupplyInquiry [REDACTED]
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Good afternoon Michael,

I hope you are keeping warm.

I had a quick question about your submission to the Environment and Planning Committee's Inquiry into securing Victoria's food supply. Your sixth recommendation reads:

6. An audit of minimum subdivision requirements in rural zones be undertaken and that minimum standards be raised where inadequate to protect agricultural and environmental values.

I was hoping to get you to clarify this one/ confirm I have understood you correctly.

Are you recommending an audit of the minimum lot size permitted through subdivision in the rural zones? (Because local governments can reduce the minimum lot size by applying a schedule.) And that the minimum lot size permitted through subdivision be raised wherever necessary to protect agricultural uses?

Or

Are you recommending an audit of the evidence required as part of a subdivision applications in the rural zones? And that additional evidence is required before subdivision can be approved?

I'd appreciate any guidance you could provide on this one. Feel free to give me a call for a chat. Thanks again for making such a detail submission to the Inquiry.

Kind regards,

Sam

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