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Dear Mr Wilson

Thank you for providing the Department of Housing with the opportunity to review the Major Development Assessment work program and provide input to director's requirements, planning focus meetings and submissions on social impact assessments for major developments with a potential housing impact.

The Department is particularly interested in the cumulative impact of a number of developments within a region and this is probably most evident in the Hunter Valley which receives a significant number of development applications for major developments in the form of mining or manufacturing and rural industries. While one project in an area may not, on its own, have a significant impact on housing or social services, a number of projects within a region may stretch resources and in combination have a major impact. In order to assist in assessing the likely housing impact and in particular the cumulative social impact in a region, we are seeking that the proponents of any major development proposal be asked to provide the following information:

- The total number of people to be employed during the construction phase;
- When construction is likely to commence and the duration of the construction phase;
- Where construction workers are likely to be drawn from (and their travel distance to the site);
- The total number of people to be employed once the project is operational;
- Where the operational workforce are likely to be drawn from and their travel distance to the development;
- An assessment of any multiplier effects for local employment.

With this information it would be possible to overlay the impacts of a number of projects within a region and work towards ameliorating the combined impact.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 8753 8525 if you wish to discuss this request.

Yours sincerely

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