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By email: anat.hassner@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Dear Ms Hassner,

Re: Consultation regarding the Creation of the Department of Regional NSW

The Public Service Association of NSW (PSA) was appreciative of your briefing on the creation of the Department of Regional NSW on Tuesday 14 April 2020.

As part of that briefing, the PSA committed to providing the first tranche of questions and items for consultation. As mentioned, it is understood that DRNSW will not be in a position to provide answers to some of these questions at this time.

Questions

- What is the composition of DRNSW? FTE, casuals, fixed term, temporaries, externally funded roles.
- What are the HR delegations?
- Decisions on the transfer of corporate staff? Processes?
- Office Locations?
- Budgetary requirements – now and into the foreseeable future?
- JCCs? Devolvement of consultative Committees?
- Fee for service deliverables with DPIE? Shared Services?
- Programs that have both DPIE and DRNSW coverage or involvement? Operation into the future?
- Restructuring that is currently underway and in hiatus because of CoViD-19?

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- Reviews of externally funded projects/programs?
- Update on grant funding from Federal Government for drought/bushfire/flood recovery? How much? Over what timeframe?
- Agencies that represent Regional NSW delivering work in Sydney or areas bounded by Newcastle, Wollongong and Mt Victoria?

Consultative Arrangements

Whilst there is agreement that the existing consultative frameworks in Fisheries and Local Land Services will continue, the PSA is flagging now that there may be the need to explore further representational structures in the newly formed agency.

This is most definitely not to take away from the often cordial relations between the DRNSW and PSA Industrial Relations representatives who are in constant contact regarding matters of concern. It is simply a matter of being able to effectively advocate for our members considering the disparate workgroups that exist across the agency and the geographical extremities of the DRNSW workforce.

If you have any questions with regard to the above or wish to organise further meetings to discuss, I can be contacted on 0407 494 770 or via return email showes@psa.asn.au.

Yours sincerely,



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