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Dear Commissioner,

Productivity is a funny word. It can mean different things to different people.

For farmers, productivity can mean more output from well-watered prime agricultural land.

For developers, productivity can mean cutting regulations.

For miners, productivity can mean automating jobs with more machines and self driving trucks.

For lobby groups, productivity can mean getting your way regardless of the cost to other stakeholders.

For governments, productivity can mean less due process albeit with higher risks of corruption.

For future generations, productivity can mean a healthy landscape with a liveable climate to have a decent lifestyle.

All of these meanings of productivity need to be weighed up in any decision making for major developments by a Consent Authority.

I wholly entrust the Productivity Commissioner to understand the importance of balancing these critical societal tensions that have direct impacts on social cohesion, particularly in light of past problems, present vulnerabilities and considerations toward intergenerational equity.

I sincerely hope that the Productivity Commissioner will recommend guaranteeing the independence of planning assessments in NSW, with aspirations for NSW leading in world's best practice and standards of transparency and public interest.

Thank you Commissioner.

Warm Regards,

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