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To: Merrin Thompson
Cc: Gary White; Sandra Sinclair; Nessa Abad
Subject: RE: Fresh food pricing inquiry - Transcript - 9 August 2018
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Dear Merrin,

Please find attached the response to the Question on Notice and some additional information on the opportunity that strategic planning provides for encouraging the provision of fresh food.

I can also confirm that Gary is happy with the transcript and does not wish to provide any corrections.

Kind regards

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INQUIRY INTO FRESH FOOD PRICING
At Macquarie Room, Parliament House, Sydney, on Thursday 9 August 2018

Supplementary information:

Recognising opportunities for fresh food provision through strategic planning in NSW

The NSW planning system has been undergoing a shift toward a more strategic focused planning system. For the first time, a full suite of Regional Plans is in place to guide the future of NSW Regions across the state.

Through a number of goals, directions and actions the NSW Government's Regional Plan's provide a framework for coordinated action in achieving the goals of the plans, these are given effect through various programs, partnerships and policies including updates to both local and State-wide planning controls.

Recent amendments to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, now require councils to prepare a Local Strategic Planning Statement. The statements will implement actions in the regional and district plans, and the council's own priorities in the community strategic plan it prepares under local government legislation.

Through these strategies there is an opportunity for councils to consider the current provision of services for communities and to identify any requirement for greater provision of fresh food. In this way, Local Strategic Planning Statements can pre-identify and encourage establishment of local farmer's markets in accessible locations and support changes to statutory controls to ensure barriers to establishment are removed as far as possible.