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To Lithgow City Council,  
General Manager

SUBMISSION for PART of DROUGHT RELIEF

We are beef cattle producers in HARTLEY and have been for more than 50 years.

Our farm has been severely affected by significantly lower rainfall than average.

The most significant way LCC could help us survive through this current drought is to eliminate by doing widespread and ongoing spraying of AFRICAN LOVE GRASS. Both LCC and the RMS have allowed this noxious to spread into farmland and remnant bushland areas along all roads. This weed takes over pasture areas rapidly and also threatens native fauna and flora. IT MUST BE CONTROLLED TO STOP further spreading. Please help us. The weed comes from the roadsides.

We are diversified by having a significant historical camping area, and farmstay cottages. Historical signage similar to all other areas like HARTLEY VALE would benefit us and tourists to this beautiful area. Brown signs are requested, both on Highway and Jenolan Caves Rd.,

On a larger scale, improvement of the Jenolan Caves Road with adequate shoulders, and eliminating the thundering noises on Colensoy

Bridge caused by quarry trucks should be given greater priority. Access to the Southern end of the bridge in particular should be improved.

We have spoken about a CYCLE TRACK from HARTLEY VILLAGE to 'GLENROY'. Both locations are very historically significant. A cycle track would increase tourism and therefore employment in HARTLEY. The HARTLEY DISTRICT PROGRESS has given full support to such a facility. The Old Bridge does need to be a walkway over the Lott River. Providing a good all weather surface on the tennis courts at Old HARTLEY SCHOOL would lift the spirits of people living in the Valley. Proceeds from HARTLEY QUARRY ROYALTIES are insufficient to have 'permanent' surfacing done.

Please reply  
sincerely