

Gee, Stoner to hear views on mining

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Nationals candidate for the state seat of Orange Andrew Gee and NSW Nationals leader Andrew Stoner will hold a meeting in Mudgee on November 15 to hear Mid-Western Region resident's view on the effects of mining in the region.

Mr Gee said the Nationals were looking at whether there was a need to develop a strategic plan to deal with the effects of mining on the region.

He stressed that the meeting was not an anti-mines forum, but a chance to hear the views of members of the public.

Mr Gee said he had been approached by councillors as well as members of the community who were concerned about issues such as housing shortages, demands on health services and water issues.

"We just want to hear what the community wants in the context of the plan," Mr Gee said.

Mr Gee said although he opposed a big tax on mining, he believed mining companies should make a bigger contributions to regional infrastructure than they do at the moment.

The meeting will be held in the Mid-Western Regional Council Chambers in Mudgee from 3.30pm on November 15.

However, the meeting is not being organised in conjunction with the Mid-Western Regional Council as stated in a previous report.