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I have uploaded letters written by myself and children to raise awareness to the impact that the rezoning of our land has had upon our family.

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Albertina Bajada and I am writing in relation to the rezoning of our land and the surrounds which was released in August 2018. My husband and I purchased our property, Rossmore, in 1998 and we are concerned about the impact that the rezoning will have upon us, our children and our grandchildren.

I would like to begin by stating that I am not opposed to such progress but want fair compensation for the acquisition of our land at the same value of our neighbours. Put simply, value all grass equally despite what the land will be used for during the development.

Following discussions with other members of the community, it has become apparent that there was a lack of communication between the government bodies and our community when the changes were made to the zoning of our land and its surrounds. Our land was previously zoned as commercial/industrial or medium to high density. Ideally, I would like the newly implemented rezoning of 'non-urban' to our land be removed and returned to the original proposal and an explanation as to why there was no adequate community consultation would be greatly appreciated.

Further to this, the need to acquire land prior to rezoning has my support, however, I believe that all members of the community in particular those who it may directly affect should be consulted, provided with more information and given more time to seek advice proper to the next phase of announcements.

I have attended multiple town meetings where the possibility of land 'acquired' via injunction and lockouts has been discussed and examples where this had occurred brought to our attentions. We, as a community wasn't assurance that this will not eventuate in our circumstance.

The announcement of rezoning has created undue stress in my life. My husband and I chose to live in Rossmore as we love the lifestyle here and are able to work from our land. In retirement, our farm has become our super. The uncertainty and anxiety that the rezoning has caused to us in terms of us losing this income has resulted in many sleepless nights and constant worry. We are now unsure as to whether we will be compensated to the value that would allow us to buy more acreage and cover our super and quite frankly, this frightens us.

Finally, I have become aware that the piece of legislation 'Western City and Aerotropolis act 2018 no 53' was pronounced on 5th October 2018. I would like to know how this new legislation will affect my rights.

I appreciate you taking the time to read over my concerns and hope that you will consider the impact that the rezoning will have upon myself and the members of the community. I look forward to receiving your response.

Regards

Albertina Bajada

22nd October 2018

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jeanelle Karagiannis and I am the daughter of residents of Rossmore. I would like to bring to your attention the impact that the rezoning of their land has had upon my parents, my brothers and myself.

The announcement of the rezoning appeared to have risen out of the blue with zero consultation with those who were to be affected within the community. Upon attending many town meetings with my parents, it is apparent that many members of our community were unaware of the changes that were to be made. I believe that it is common decency to discuss/inform the community of something that would have such a huge impact to their living arrangements and financial stability.

I was a young girl when my parents purchased this property and grew up on the farm, watching my parents work and helping them as best as I could. I was there when they were building new chicken sheds to support their livelihood and through all of the maintenance that comes along with living on a large property. My parents were always very proud of what they had achieved since they migrated to Australia and it saddens me to think they will not be compensated fairly for all their years of hard work. My parents are now retired and their farm has become their super, it seems every conversation I have with them now is about the uncertainty they have about their future. They are quite obviously extremely stressed due to the rezoning of their land and they are not the only ones.

My brother and his family are also affected by this rezoning. He and his wife have four sons, two of which are not even of school age yet. They are sick with worry as to how they will be able to provide for my nephews as they are already dealing with hardship. My brother as the sole provider has a rapidly growing tumour which has resulted in the loss of work for him as he is unable to work due to blackouts. The change to their land has added to their stress and they are now unsure as to whether they will be compensated fairly.

As a family we have a lot on our plate at the moment and this is something added that with adequate communication by government bodies could have been avoided. I would much rather be trying to help my parents and brother instead of writing letters to you as they are my main concern but I couldn't just sit here and do nothing while they are losing sleep over the decisions that have been made to devalue their land and jeopardise their financial stability.

It is inevitable that such progression and development of the land would occur however, it seems that many individuals are not being given fair compensation. Regardless of what the final product will be, I believe that it is only fair that all the land be valued at the same amount.

Regards

Jeanelle

To whom it may concern,

My name is William Bajada and I am the son of the residents of Rossmore. A am writing to bring your attention to the affect that the rezoning of my parents land has had on them and to raise some questions as to why we were not informed of any possibility of this happening.

My parents have lived on their farm since 1998 and have worked extremely hard to maintain the land and build sheds to sustain their income through the land. They have since retired and it has now become their super. They are now concerned that their income will be lost and that they will not be properly compensated due to the new rezoning of the land. Their land was previously zoned as industrial or medium to high density, I ask why this was changed without consultation? I am aware that in order for progression there has to be development, however, I don't want my parents to be hard done by just because their land's zoning has changed.

I am now a father of three young children and they love to visit their grandparents on the farm, learn about the land and develop their own skills by learning from them. This is much more than just land to us, it is our home and a learning experience for all the generations of our family. I am certain that my parents will want to continue to live on acreage when the development of the aerotropolis goes ahead, my question is will they be compensated adequately to ensure that they will be able to purchase their desired amount of land and also to cover their super income which is currently being generated through their farm?

We as a family unit have been under stress of late as my brother is unwell, this rezoning seems to have added to that stress as both my parents and brother are unsure of their future. This rezoning has the potential to severely devalue their land and thus create major financial difficulty. I would like answers as to why this rezoning occurred and why it can't be zoned to its original plan? If this cannot occur, I believe that all land should be valued equally no matter what the end result of the development be.

It saddens me to know that on top of the stress that my parents and brother are going through at this present time, this lack of communication from government bodies has added to their angst. This is not ok. A matter of this magnitude that has the potential to greatly impact on an individual's life should and NEEDS to be discussed or at the very least consulted prior to it being implemented.

I will be awaiting your response.

Regards

William Bajada

To whom it may concern,

My name is Jason Bajada, my wife and I have recently become aware by other members of our community of the rezoning of our land in the plans for the Western Aerotropolis. We are highly concerned about the impact that this will have on our lives and are at a loss as to why such a matter was not brought to the attention of residents by the government.

We are aware that in order for the progression of the aerotropolis, development needs to occur and we are not opposed to this however, if we are going to be affected by this and our land be obtained by the government, you need to be aware of the financial and emotional impact this is going to have on my family. This residence is also our business, our income is generated through our land. Is the rezoning going to be able to cover this income? Will we be compensated to the amount that we would earn over the years that we had planned to stay here? This land was always thought to become our super when we retire, will this also be included in our compensation? Will we be offered an amount that would allow us to continue with these plans by purchasing another farm that will secure our financial future? I have had many sleepless nights asking such questions, ones that I shouldn't have to raise as we were previously zoned as industrial or medium to high density.

This rezoning without consultation has made me lose faith in those who are responsible for this development. This added stress is not healthy for anyone, especially myself as I am dealing with my own personal illness where I have a tumour in my face which is rapidly growing and is nearing my brain. This is enough for any person to deal with. The added worry of financial security for my family and the impact that the rezoning has had on the value of our land and future income is concerning and making me extremely anxious and stressed, which is certainly not going to improve my current ill health.

I have four children, two of which are not yet attending school but will be when this development goes ahead. They will have to change schools and start the process of making new relationships due to the development, something we wouldn't have to do if we were not rezoned. They visit their grandparents regularly who are also affected by this rezoning. This closeness has helped my wife and I get to doctor's appointments at a moment's notice as they are only minutes away. We are being pushed away from our family and are not guaranteed that we will be able to live so close and have this support in the future which is also adding to my worry.

This rezoning has the potential to seriously devalue our land, despite it being the basis for the infrastructure of the Western Aerotropolis, this land is needed so should be valued greatly. All land should be valued the same regardless of what it will end up being in the final development.

Regards

Jason