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To whom it may concern,

RE: prioritise Precinct planning to include the Dwyer Road Precinct

The STAGE 2 planning for the Aerotropolis indicate that the Dwyer Road Precinct will not have priority zoning following the closure of the current exhibition period on the 28th February 2020.

We have been advised that planning for the Dwyer Road Precinct will follow as infrastructure and services are planned, delivered, and demand for additional land is generated. Of great concern to the community is that no timeframe for the rezoning of our precinct is forthcoming. When attending information sessions, we have asked for an approximate time for the rezoning, but the "information officers" we have spoken to are either unsure, are very vague, have no idea or give conflicting information. Now, we have been advised by the Planning Partnership that this area will not be rezoned before the airport is fully operational. This leaves my family and all the residents of our community facing an uncertain future for the next ten to thirty years.

If the Dwyer Road Precinct is subjected to low priority then our area will be forcibly wedged into an area surrounded by developments to the north, south, east and west. This will result in my family, and the community, being exposed to the negative effects of the ongoing and long term infrastructure developments.

Construction

We are already forced to add kilometres to our journeys as a result of road closures and diversions as well as increased travel time due to ongoing roadworks. Our houses and cars are covered in dirt and mud due to airport construction and road and infrastructure projects. We are exposed to constant noise from construction machinery and the annoying beeping of vehicles on construction sites. We are on tank water and are constantly changing the filters on our water tanks because of the dirt deposited on our roof, due to construction in the area. Residents who cart their own drinking water and rely on the water slump stand to fill their small water tanks, are now taking triple the amount of time to fill their tanks because of the construction site water trucks extracting water from the mains, thus reducing the flow to the slump stand to not much more than a trickle.

The current plan identifies "existing rural village". When was this identified? The "rural village" has long gone and has been replaced by a concrete plant (operating 7 days a week, 7am to 10pm including public holidays and the use of B-Doubles with 200 extra truck movements a day), composting cemetery, brickworks, major highways dissecting the remaining community, relocation of our cemetery and demolition of the church to make way for the airport. No longer can we ride our horses or bikes around the area, going for walks is not recommended due to the increased traffic, particularly the surge in truck and dogs carting for WestConnex and Boral. Many of us are unable to turn directly into our streets and have to travel an extra kilometre, or more, to access our road.

Pollution

Noise

Our property is located within the ANEC 20 -25 zone and within three kilometres of the wildlife buffer. All the residents within this zone are going to be adversely affected by noise. Independent studies have shown, the noise levels predicted in the EIS are well below the noise levels that will be generated at the Badger's Creek airport. We have lived in this area for over forty years and know that the noise levels out here are increased in the Mulgoa Valley due to the topography. There is very limited background noise and neighbours outdoor conversations can be easily heard from two properties away. From our property you can clearly hear all the New Year's Eve fireworks from Penrith, Liverpool and Campbelltown, which are twenty five kilometres away. Before the closure of Oran Park Raceway, the sound from the racing cars was clearly audible. So, for the EIS to insinuate that the residents in this area, and beyond, won't be seriously impacted by the noise from aircraft is extremely misleading and untrue.

Water

The community relies on rainwater to fill tanks and dams. Fuel dumping, fuel exhaust particles or the dropping of other waste from aircraft will pollute our drinking water and our dam water as well as have a diverse impact on the natural vegetation. As there is no plan to provide town water for our area, what are we supposed to do for water? We will not be able to drink the water from our rooves or water our stock, vegetable, fruit or other gardens with contaminated water. Furthermore, not only will the environment be severely impacted, but as this area is prone to bush fires, fuel residue will substantially add to the threat of fire in the area.

Light

I am interested in astronomy and my hobby is to study the night sky. This area was always an excellent site for this activity. However, with the surrounding developments the ambient light has slowly made this hobby slightly more difficult. But the development of the new airport will make it impossible.

As for the birdlife, not only do they have to cope with the destruction of their habitat but also the controlled elimination of birds and bats in the Public Safety Areas. I don't want to live in an area where the birds and bats are eradicated. Our property is a corridor for wildlife, like all the properties in this area. As well as the native day time bird visitors we also have resident night birds. It severely upsets us to think that all the measures we have taken to encourage the birds onto our property will result in their death and destruction.

So why would we want to stay when the lifestyle we have worked so hard to achieve will be gone?

The lack of priority rezoning of our area is very distressing. It is unfair that local residents have to wait for years for rezoning and endure all the negative impacts the airport will bring while overseas investors, developers and large property owners, who won't be affected, are given priority.

We urge the panel to reconsider our zoning and grant the Dwyer Road Precinct priority.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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