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To whom it may concern,

RE: Prioritise Precinct planning to include the Dwyer Road Precinct

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We purchased our property in 2011 moving away from city living to have a semi-rural lifestyle. At that point in time the concept of a 2nd Airport at Badgerys Creek was “off the agenda”, in fact in 2012 the federal infrastructure minister Anthony Albanese ruled out Badgerys Creek as an option. At the same time there were no indicative land use changes. We bought believing that our lifestyle would be unchanged, and we would be living here with our extended families for the rest of our lives. We have two dwellings on our property and have not only our children but their children living here with us. We have seven grandchildren some already going to the local Bringelly Public School and some will be in the future, but now not sure about the certainty of anything!

With the announcement of the Airport and subsequent release of Stage 1 and now Stage 2, we accept that the Airport is a “given” and that finally there is a resolution to this. However, this can’t be said for us as landowners living on the boundary of what is to be a 24/7 Airport.

STAGE 2 of precinct planning for the Aerotropolis indicated that the DWYER Road Precinct is earmarked for flexible employment, which we can understand given our location. However, we are not considered an initial precinct and no proposed timeframe for the Dwyer Road Precinct to be rezoned. We have been formally advised by the Planning Partnership that this area will not be rezoned before the Airport is fully operational. This leaves my family and our community facing an uncertain future for perhaps the next 10-30 years.

The lack of priority being given to our Precinct means that there are several things that ultimately impact on our health and lifestyle.

Infrastructure all around us!

For a start we are caught amongst construction of the Airport, the Agribusiness Precinct to the west of us, the Aerotropolis Core to the north, the South Creek West Land Release and ongoing infrastructure developments in the area for indefinite period. Ground noise impacts, dust pollution resting on our roofs, delays in travel times and accessibility to amenities will impact on all of us. This is not the lifestyle we bought into.

Airport Noise – we are in the ANEC 20-25 contour

Our property is in the ANEC 20-25 contours. It is well documented the effects of living next to an Airport and the resultant health impacts. Exposure to excessive noise, harmful chemicals, harmful microorganisms and the contamination to our water, as we rely on tank water and have been given no assurances of water infrastructure being provided to us. I am really concerned for the health of my grandchildren. I did not move here to have my family barricaded in their homes to safeguard their health. I want my grandchildren to be able to enjoy the outdoors, have uninterrupted sleep and be assured that the air they breathe and the food and water they drink is as uncontaminated as possible. As a citizen and a taxpayer, I think what I am asking is only reasonable. If that can’t be provided, which all the science says it can’t be living this close to a 24/7 Airport, then get on and rezone our lands, so

that we can “move on “and make a life for ourselves and our families before we have to endure the inevitable.

Uncertainty- should we extend our home?

We have three generations living at our property and we always planned to renovate even potentially rebuild to accommodate our desire to keep our extended family together. The uncertainty of when our lands will be needed and rezoned has now put all of that on hold. With no timeframe about when our lands might be rezoned, we are unable to determine the economic viability of submitting a DA and moving forward with any renovations and extensions. Why would we outlay the capital for upgrading our homes if we ultimately may not live in them! If have no option but to remain here next to an operational airport, then the design of our homes would need to alter to try and mitigate noise and pollution effects. Government has provided no details, nor assurances of any appropriate means of compensating us in the ANEC contour if this was the case.

Unfairness of it all!

What we struggle to understand is that we are so close to an Airport, yet we are the only residential community that is not an initial precinct. The uptake and development of lands is happening all around us, yet we are left here indefinitely. That is unfair and does not give us the opportunity to do the best by our families and give us the financial security to up and move and re-establish ourselves in a way that we are not disadvantaged.

The stress and uncertainty

The stress and uncertainty are taking its toll on my family and the community. Decisions about our home, where our grandkids will go to school, whether to change jobs even. All are up in the air because of a lack of certainty around the timing of our precinct.

My wife and I are heading towards retirement and were not expecting nor wanting this added stress in trying to ensure our own and our families future is safe and secure. It is important that Government understand that there are people that must “live and breathe” the decisions that a stroke of a pen result in. Hence our concern and passion for ensuring we lodge a submission.

As a resident we are working collectively with our community to position ourselves as best as possible so that Government can see we are keen to move forward, work collaboratively to solve these issues and allow for the fast tracking of our rezoning.

Yours faithfully

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