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To whom it may concern

I am writing this on behalf of our charity [REDACTED], NSW, its executive committee and the community we represent. Our charity organisation was established in 1989 and a democratically run entity providing services to hundreds of our permanent and non-permanent members' families with a variety of cultural backgrounds. On their behalf I like to raise some serious concerns on the proposed zoning plan for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, in the best interest of the communities living in Kemps Creek and its surroundings.

In 2014 our charity had acquired a 22 acre block of land at [REDACTED], Kemps Creek and commenced construction of our new community centre. It was a multi-million-dollar strategic investment in the Kemps Creek area for the next 50-100 years, even before the announcement of the 2nd airport. The new centre premises and facilities will be serving community across Sydney in general and local community in Sydney South West in particular, with youths and future generations in mind. The new centre will be a hub of community services and will be open for people of multiple faith and cultural backgrounds. The centre is now near completion, our dream is turning into a reality as we prepare for obtaining the occupancy certificate.

In this context it is great disappointment to read the proposed plans and see the impact on future state of our centre and the community. Our main concerns are

1. Long term impact: Our entire lot at [REDACTED] is shown as a part of the potential future East-West rail infrastructure site off [REDACTED] Kemps Creek
2. Short term impact: The upcoming zoning plans show most of our land zoned as environment and recreation, curtailing our future growth and blocking the use our land for future community services. However, if the plan in the point above are true then it looks NSW Govt. will rezone them for full use of rail infrastructure site i.e. they will be changing zone to accomplish their construction plans

We have come a long way, spending over \$5 million on the site and supporting local businesses and trades. The money spent is precious and priceless as most of it came from community's heavenly souls as donations. I hope you can understand how devastating this will be for those hundreds of families and supporters. During this journey we had to ensure we complied with laws and regulations and in one case we had to go to the Land and Environment court to defend this stance. We came out with a win and vindicated with legal costs awarded to us (Ref.).

We are also concerned that not enough consultation has been done with the local communities. We did not get enough information re the publication of the planning documents in Dec 2019 and the submission period. We did not get any mails, emails, flyers or posters/billboards anywhere. The timing of the publication was also not right as it was just before the holiday season. By the time we had learned about the proposed plans the community briefing sessions were already over and we did not even get a chance to discuss directly with the department representatives. We believe extended community and land owners in the area also have some serious concerns and the department should listen to all.

So, in summary based on the nature of our community centre (a public place) under construction at [REDACTED], we are cemented to secure it as our community's future. For us it is not an practical task to move out. This is not just a physical place but has community's emotions and sentiments attached. Giving up our new community facility is unthinkable and unimaginable, and our entire community will resist any such plans at all levels and stages if the plans proceed further. Therefore, it is in the best interests of everyone, us and Govt. agencies to have the plans amended with community needs given due considerations. The harm otherwise

the current and potential plans will bring is significant.

In the end, we expect and hope the planning department will

1. Rezone the entire lot at [REDACTED] as Flexible Employment zone
2. Drop the plans to consume our site as future potential rail/metro infrastructure
3. Any future changes to the plans will involve better community consultations.

I, on the behalf of our community, will be pleased to hear back from the planning department and looking forward for seeing positive changes in the plans.

Regards,

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