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Director, Aerotropolis Activation
Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Stage 1 Plan for Western Sydney Aerotropolis

Please accept my submission, which opposes the rezoning of my property from 'Agriculture and Agribusiness' to 'flexible employment.' We strongly believe our land is unsuitable for the prescribed zoning 'Agribusiness/agriculture.' A more suitable option would 'Flexible employment.'

Background

We have been residents of [REDACTED] ingelly since 1979. We moved into the area primarily for family reasons. We were planning to get married and wanted to raise our family in a semi-rural setting with other like-minded people. We understand a Western Sydney airport had been spoken about for many years. However, we only became aware of its potential existence in the mid 1980's.

During the 1980's, we ran a market garden with little success. After the drought in the early 1980's, we were fortunate enough to experience some rainfall. This rainfall was imperative to the survival of our farm. Indeed, we were reliant on dam water as a result of zero access to town water. Running a market garden on a small proportion of land proved to be quite challenging. This was a result of the competitive larger farms from outside the Sydney basin we were challenged against and the limited water supply we had. As a result, we ceased our market garden operations in 1990.

Reasons for Objecting

We do not oppose the concept of the second airport or the Aerotropolis concept. However there are some impediments which will restrict its success. These include;

- The land between Dywyer Road and Greendale is characterised as semi-rural residential. Very minimal agricultural activities occur in this region. This is a result of the clay soil, low community participation within this industry and ageing demographic. It would be highly unlikely that this area would be suitable for agriculture means. Furthermore, agribusiness activities should be considered in areas where there are current agricultural activities in close proximity eg: along the Nepean and Hawkesbury river,

- Our property is approximately [REDACTED] away from a major artillery road. Agricultural activities are best suited to environments away from traffic, pollution and noise. The quality and quantity of food can be substantially impacted when in contact with pollutants which will most likely be the case with the airport so close. The increase in traffic and noise will increase and likely have a detrimental impact to the agricultural activities on this land.

- Our property is our home and it remains a material asset for us. We believe the rezoning of our land to agribusiness/agriculture would erode its value. Our close proximity and favourable position to the flight path would make our land far less valuable. Furthermore, being so close to the airport would mean we would be exposed to pollutants and traffic congestion. It is emotionally distressing knowing our land will potentially lose value and our health can be impacted by living close to the airport with such exposure to pollutants. Netherlands has a great airport structure with agriculture located approximately [REDACTED] away from the airport.

- Farming is suited to areas where there are current farming activities. It would be unusual to turn productive farming areas into urban and industrial or residential into farmland, but this is what is being planned for this region. Our property and the surrounding properties are not suitable for farming. The proportion of area being zoned to this is of small nature and not very productive in nature. Furthermore, since the 1980's, the climate has changed with higher temperatures and long dry spells. In the past we did run out of water from the dam, which impacted detrimentally on our livestock and produce. Indeed, due to climate change and ever increasing temperatures at an alarming rate, we are confident farming in this area would be even much more challenging and emotionally distressing. We do not have water security, which is shown with the absence of a river system and zero town water in our region.

The proposed zones have not considered these factors in their proposed zoning changes. The concept of agribusiness/agriculture is a noble cause, but the fact there is no agricultural activity been conducted in the region between the Dwyer Road and Greendale, indicates that the land would not be suitable for farming activities.

I request that our property and surrounding properties be rezoned to a more suitable option such as 'flexible Employment.'

Yours sincerely

Raymond and Alice Buttigieg
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