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Bringelly Agricultural and Agribusiness Proposed Land Use

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We have concerns regarding the proposed land use of agriculture and agribusiness in our area. Lack of Communication and Information We received a letter informing us of a meeting in the Bringelly hall regarding the Stage 1 Plan. Your department was totally unprepared for the amount of people who turned up to the meeting. We arrived 15 minutes after the commencement time to a packed hall. There were not enough registration sheets for residents to sign. I wrote on the back of one of the sheets and was told that information packages would be posted out, I have received nothing. People were stopped from entering and had to wait until others vacated the hall, this resulted in scores of people leaving. It was obvious that your department underestimated the amount of interest and anxiety residents have over the proposed land use. There were no brochures left, no booklets and insufficient knowledgeable departmental personnel available to answer questions regarding the proposal. As can be expected, residents living in the Aerotropolis Core area were anxious to get answers to their questions and so when I asked about the Agriculture and Agribusiness proposal my inquiry was dismissed with a wave of the hand and the comment that this would be at least 30 to 50 years away. So where does that leave us?? As yet we have not received any information packages from the department. We get our updates from the media.

Current Land Use There are currently no market garden lots in the proposed Bringelly Agriculture and Agribusiness precinct. As far as I am aware there has only ever been one tomato farmer and he is now retired. The land and lack of decent rainfall, renders Bringelly unsuitable for market gardens. This area does not offer "reliable water supplies" or "good soils" (p.62 Western Sydney Aerotropolis Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan) Bringelly has the lowest rainfall in the greater Sydney metropolitan area. In fact, "That part of Sydney most likely to become a desert is north of Camden, out Bringelly way. Rainfall in this region averages about 750mm, little over half that of Ingleside." (Sydney Morning Herald- Extreme Sydney 24 December 2002). Climate change has increased the possibility of this prediction to be realised. Also, Bringelly soil is comprised of predominantly highly compacted claystone and therefore has very low soil porosity. No good for growing crops but excellent for making bricks. (Hence the brickworks on Greendale Road) Furthermore, construction of a composting cemetery is underway on Greendale Road. Although it is only on a 25 acre lot, it will be in use for decades as each burial site is only for 25 years, after which it can be resold to accommodate another body. I don't believe a cemetery is compatible with an agribusiness for a number of reasons. Currently there are a diverse range of land uses in the Bringelly Zone. Truck owners have purchased land in the area because they need property to park and store their trucks and other machinery, as well as a number of successful residential and small businesses operating in this area.

Personal Impact of the Agribusiness Zoning We have parents who are currently living independently but at some time in the future we anticipate that we will need to build a dwelling to accommodate them, however this will not be permitted under the new zoning. [REDACTED] and we will be unable to erect sheds to store them. At the time we purchased this property, superannuation was not compulsory. My husband was self-employed and we

sacrificed a lot to live in this area and raise our family. Over the years we have invested a substantial amount in our property, but we were not too worried as we viewed this as providing for our retirement. Now, with the uncertainty that this zoning brings and the time frame that the Planning and Environment Department envisage this will occur, has put years of planning for our retirement in jeopardy.

Future Land Use Recommendations As the land and climate is totally useless for market gardens and there is already a range of small business successfully operating in the area we suggest the Bringelly section of the Agribusiness Zone be reconsidered. [REDACTED] the area will have quick access to the western and southern entrances to the airport and the proposed Trade Centre will be just across the road. All this and the fact that the area will have minimal noise impact from the airport, great employment opportunities and a rural outlook will make this area ideal for flexible employment and urban living. We believe the Bringelly area zone should be reconsidered and granted the same development opportunities as the Aerotropolis Core and the Northern Gateway.

Thank you for your consideration,
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