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To: Director, Aerotropolis Activation, Department of Planning and Environment

Re: Western Sydney Aerotropolis, Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan,

Stage 1: Initial Precincts

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above document. Whilst I do not have property in the areas to be rezoned, my comments relate to how I believe the plan will affect the area in which I live – Camden, as well as the nearby Wollondilly area, and greater Macarthur surrounds.

There has been very little to no direct, local consultation in my area about the proposals for the Western City and Aerotropolis. We have not even been asked whether we want a new city centre, a “30-minute city”, or an Aerotropolis. Although it impacts on us and will affect our daily lives in the very near future, I do not believe there have been exhibitions on any of this in the Camden / Wollondilly council areas. Many residents are unaware of the extent of these developments, or do not believe they will happen. Any publicity is often framed in numbers of jobs, without any detail about what those jobs might be. Glossy images do not convey the scale of the buildings and developments, or the substantial nature of the changes involved. A further consultation period for residents in our area should be considered.

Many of those of us who live here do so with the knowledge that we are in, or near, a country town on the edge of the metropolitan area. Many of us do not wish to be closer to a city centre. We greatly value our heritage, history, lifestyle, communities, rural lands and homes. This was particularly evident during the Outer Sydney Orbital consultation period, where thousands of submissions were lodged objecting to the destruction of our rural areas and homes.

The Western Sydney Airport and Aerotropolis proposals will have a major impact on the future of our area. While there are some potential positives in terms of improved facilities, there are also significant negatives in:

- the increased levels of air pollution and water pollution,
- increased noise, busy roads, new motorways, and traffic
- flood management
- the idea of a “24 hour city” and airport close to rural areas
- loss of rural lands and outlook
- loss of woodland, loss of biodiversity and wildlife
- loss of heritage and history (including Aboriginal heritage)
- pressure to subdivide remaining rural properties and productive farmlands in our area

The changes proposed in the document on exhibition are significant, and a number of substantial changes to planning powers are indicated. Will local residents and residents in neighbouring areas still have a meaningful input into decisions that impact them?

There is a lot of fine print in the document – it is not easy for average residents to understand the impacts of these changes. Given this, there should be a further consultation period and document with additional explanation of the changes that will impact our area. Further public engagement in the Camden-Wollondilly area is needed.

There is a contradiction between this plan and the plans for a “World Trade Centre” at Bringelly, and potential development of adjacent University of Sydney land. There is no development zoned in this area in any of the available maps - including the Aerotropolis and its 9 precincts, indicated surrounding precincts, or maps of the South West growth area. It looks more like this area is in the Metropolitan Rural Area, or a potential extension of the Agriculture and Agribusiness area. It would also appear to be affected by the OLS height restrictions. Yet there is a recent report of four 100 storey towers in the “World Trade Centre” development at Bringelly with significant numbers of additional multistorey buildings. Is the current exhibition truly reflecting the extent of development of the Aerotropolis? If not, how can we assess the impact of this overall plan?

One further contradiction is in the timing for the Outer Sydney Orbital (M9) construction. Despite assurances that this corridor preservation is for a future need that might be decades away, many of the Aerotropolis plans indicate that construction of this motorway and freight rail line is expected in the more immediate future.

With regards to the areas within the development zone, there seems to be little consideration for the existing landscape, history, heritage or communities. This is a major loss that has not been acknowledged, and there seems little in the plan to preserve heritage areas. In many areas the existing landscape will be bulldozed, smoothed over and completely transformed. The history, the buildings, and the bushland will be lost, the people will move on, and the area will be made over into a modern city centre with sculpted green space and waterways, and little if any connection to its past. Sydney has developed in a patchwork way, mixing the past and present in sometimes odd and chaotic ways, but ways that were endearingly very Sydney. These “greenfield” developments are robbing Sydney of its character, of its history and heritage, and depriving us of our connection to place.

Overall it would appear that much of this plan has been developed without sufficient public consultation. Surrounding areas in the “Western City” should have been made more aware of the extent of these developments. There should be a consultation and exhibition period in areas such as Camden and Wollondilly. Our residents should be aware of the full impact of the changes that the Aerotropolis will bring to our area, and have a true opportunity to voice their opinions, and have an informed say in their future.

Yours sincerely,

Joanne O'Brien

Friday, 26 October 2018

The Director,
Aerotropolis Activation
Department of Planning

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE:- South Creek Precinct and Proposed Re-Zoning

My name is [REDACTED] and reside in [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am writing to you to express my concerns on the stressful situation my family have been forcefully told to be our future. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, the proposal for the South Creek Precinct to become the Non-Urban flood zone renders this dream void of any value and hope.

[REDACTED] I did not intend to become a burden, nor to have to consider being dependent upon government support in my retirement. But it now appears a reality. I am proud of the sacrifices I made to ensure my son was provided well including attending one of the most well known private schools in this area. They have been patient with us in regards to payment, to which as the sole provider of financial responsibility for payment of fees, are still lingering. My son and I appreciate all they have done and continue doing and it was a vision of ours that we would one day return to the same school that gave [REDACTED] But as a result of these proposals, our dream appears to also have been dissolved.

[REDACTED] Now the mere fact that the South Creek Precinct is labelled Non Urban and flood zone has not only dissolved this dream but also

immediately devalued my parent's property purely based upon the description within the proposal.

I welcome the plans for Aerotropolis as it will bring about increased employment, tourism, and other opportunities such as education and business growth. I do not oppose any upgrade of our community, including the development of the airport. Naturally there is a need to retain land for biodiversity, parks and wildlife. However having been a resident of the South Creek Precinct almost all my life, I am fully aware of such areas and query why is government owned land not considered for allocation of such areas.

[REDACTED] I have never witnessed my parent's property as flood land. I have witness sudden flash flooding [REDACTED] and found this quite unusual as it rose extremely quickly and receded at the same rate. This to my understanding does not define an area as a flood plain and therefore should not be deemed a flood catchment area and respectfully request the 1:100 flood lines be returned to its original boundary. There has been a gross neglect of South Creek from Oran Park threw Catherine Fields, Rossmore to Kemps Creek. This gross level of negligence has rendered South Creek with blockages reducing water flow and risk of flooding on property that has never been at risk of flooding. Should this have been maintained, the environmental authenticity of this beautiful area that futuristically speaking, could if zoned residential, many new families and residents would want to build their homes in the area and including development opportunities allowing for the creation of employment and business precincts opportunities.

Rezoning of our Precinct must be conducted with the appropriate due diligence and ensure that compensation of any acquisition of our land and homes is conducted fairly and equal to our neighbours within close and surrounding proximity. This is includes taking into account market values of suburbs as Austral, Leppington, Oran Park and Hoxton Park.

There have been many sacrifices that I have not mentioned but the most distressing is that my son's future to help him afford to purchase anywhere in this area has been destroyed and that these decision made by those whom have no connection to my family, if forced to move from here, will cause my son not to be able to have financial assistance nor to be able to afford to pay rent. To add to this distressing situation, I along with my sister have the responsibility to care for ailing parents. We are extremely aware of the sacrifices our parents have made to ensure this property was to be their legacy to us. As this proposal has lead to the devaluation to our property and that of our neighbours, the financial burden to my sister and me, has increased immensely.

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I appreciate that this submission may fall on deaf ears however, I implore you seriously and honestly to take into account the information you have before you. If not for the hardship the proposal has caused but to seriously consider removing the term Non-Urban from this proposal or any other future proposals: Along with returning the flood lines back to 1:100 boundary, allowing for our property and that of South Creek Precinct to be deemed developable land alongside the Aerotropolis Core.

Thank you for taking the time to review my submission and look forward to receiving a response in writing in the near future.

Kind regards,



