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FOR THE ATTENTION OF: _____

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are concerned residents of [REDACTED] South Creek Precinct). We have recently been informed that our proposed zoning has been changed from Urban-Employment (Light Industrial) to Non-Urban.

It appears that this was done due to the re-assessment of the flood plains in this area. The formula for measurement of a flood is 700mm of rain continuously for three days over the whole of the Warragamba Catchment Area. If a flood of this magnitude occurred it would be a catastrophic event. The drowning deaths in Penrith Valley and beyond would be at least 130,000 people and the west of Sydney as we know it would be underwater! The feasibility of this happening is 1:1000 years and hence our flood rating comes into play.

We purchased our freehold land as "Flood Free" (1:100 years) in 1971 as RU4 - a small parcel of land for farming (or hobby farming as it was known). We have lived here for 46 years and our property has:

never flooded

had minor flash-flooding due to non-maintenance of South Creek

flooded for _____ m on our property.

We also bring to your attention the fact that the floodplain rezoning was restructured in 2012 without public consultation or we, the ratepayers, being informed. We found out in September 2018 at a rezoning information meeting.

At this same meeting we were also informed that our land is being de-zoned from RU4 (Primary Industrial) to E (Non-Urban) rendering our land valueless. Again, there was no consultation process.

According to the government zoning website, Non-Urban equates to non-use of our land, NOTHING can be done to improve it, NOTHING can be built or added to it, not even a dogpen! In the event of a disaster (e.g. storm damage, fire, accidental damage) our property cannot be repaired or rebuilt. At this stage we do not even know if we can get insurance on our property. It may even be illegal for the residents of the South Creek Precinct to live in their own dwellings on their own properties! It is our understanding that no-one should reside on Non-urban lands, yet the State Government has said that we can stay on our land and DO NOTHING, making us stagnant beings.

We were told that this de-zoning is necessary green space, all 1950 hectares (5000 acres) of it. Hence 250 farms are rendered worthless, making them unsellable, yet our neighbours are worth millions due to their rezoning to Urban Employment. All previous available maps of our land showed that it was to be rezoned Urban Employment or Housing. For this to occur, the South Creek Precinct flood lines would need to be brought back to 1:100 year flood lines. It is our understanding that once South Creek is rehabilitated, flash flooding would be minimal.

Furthermore, advice has been sought and received. We are working with professionals to ascertain whether there is compliance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act of 1979, Section 4.15.

There must be a way for the government to achieve its desired outcomes and to alleviate the uncertainty, stress and anxiety of the residents of the South Creek Precinct. ALL land owners in this area should be entitled to equitable remuneration for their properties. It is unfair that some of us have an uncertain financial future when others have guaranteed financial security for themselves and their families.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DATE: 27.9.2018

To whom it may concern,

I am a concerned resident who will be affected by the South Creek Precinct and have just realised that the Government is trying to be deceitful as usual. As shown on the maps, the non-urban zone is affecting over 240 properties as they class this as flood and the government is trying to zone this so our land is worth nothing so they can use it as greenspace and non-urban. We purchased knowing that we had a small section of our land called 1 in 100 flood we have just learnt with all the maps that the government have provided for our property is now at HIGH, MED and LOW flood lines and was changed without consulting residents in 2012 and I believe it was for exactly this reason..... How can they justify this by saying we are all non-urban and worth nothing and our neighbours across the street will be developed into sky rises and infrastructure, many people have lived here for decades and this issue is seriously concerning as it is causing anxiety and stress.

We would like you to question these government bodies as the meetings that they held for the residents were very vague and dishonest as they could not answer our questions with what was happening, how are we in Australia treated like this?

We understand and accept that a second airport is necessary along with all its infrastructure, we currently are zoned RU4 which is primary production small lots in Liverpool council NSW, however with the new rezoning that the government want to allow, over 200 residents NON-URBAN, this will mean no further buildings or changes to our properties, how is this legal, this is my land which I purchased and I cannot build a chicken pen? How can the government force this?

We feel we are being sacrificed in order for the Aerotropolis Core to proceed.

Many of these 200 residents have now consulted Environmental lawyers and we are looking to do a class action suit if the government proceed as their dealing with us have been very non transparent and we only see these changes benefiting NSW government at the sacrifice of residents.

We are requesting people like yourself and all media outlets help us bring this to light so we can have an enquiry on how and why they can just turn people's lives and financial positions upside down. As the government is advertising on how beneficial this development would be to ALL landholders and for us to find out that will only be for some, we need help to ensure that the government bodies are held accountable and treat the average Australian land owner in this Aerotropolis core development fairly and with dignity. If the government needs this greenspace land for the development to proceed, us land owners must be compensated at the same market value of other land in the blue/yellow stripe zones which will be developed into high rises and other types of development.

I would appreciate to be contacted regarding this matter and happy to supply further information.