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Is there a role for genuine community consultation in the proposed Employment Zones Reform <https://cutt.ly/FnVWOfw> and in planning matters more generally?

The Epping Urban Activation Precinct was forced on Epping despite constructive input from the community. The over-enthusiastic rezoning for residential purposes under the guise of "activating" the suburb has seen the suburb regress in its daytime activities. This has recently been aggravated by the approval of yet more residential development at 242 Beecroft Road. Epping would be more activated if this land was exploited for the location of the terminus for the needed extension from Carlingford of the over-provisioned Parramatta Light Rail Stage 1.

Because of its excellent public transport connections, Epping should be a thriving hub for data-driven activities including education, offices and 24/7 support centres. Instead, commercial activities have been banished and are unlikely to be re-established.

Epping is now a place to LEAVE.

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