

This is our submission against the proposed green zones in Bringelly,

The government departments saying our property is still in its original natural state.

That is a straight out lie!

Our property known as [REDACTED] Bringelly road Bringelly part of the Kelvin Park development.

Kelvin Park was cleared of all scrub lands and most trees whilst it was being prepared for the subdivisions into 5acre lots, hobby farms.

This estate looked similar to the new airport site does today, with earth moving machines all over it, smoothing out the contours and installing easements etc.

Back then I worked for the defence dept and frequented the Bringelly road, going from The Munitions Factory St Marys via Luddenham road. Then onto The Northern road, Bringelly road then onto Holsworthy Defence Establishment. It was then I saw the land developments in progress and took interest in the area. In 1985 my father died, after finalising his estate I was in a position to buy land and came straight to Kelvin Park. It had already been finished and sold. I was lucky to find [REDACTED] Bringelly road known then as [REDACTED] for sale as the original owner was forced to sell.

Medich Properties PTY LTD registered the subdivisions and easements under [REDACTED]

Registered 13 May 1985.

This property being quoted on the notice of valuation [REDACTED]. Subject to easement to drain water 20 wide."

Firstly I'm going to address the Land valuations and its seemingly planned reduction to coincide with the RMS acquisition of part of our property. Some are missing from this sequence but if I look harder I may find them. I purchased the land in 1988.

01/07/94 \$155,000. 2 hectares

01/07/00 \$297,000. 2 hectares

01/07/02 \$390,000. 2 hectares

01/07/05 \$734,000. 2 hectares

01/07/08 \$662,000. 2 hectares

01/07/11 \$530,000. 2 hectares

01/07/14 \$562,000. 2 hectares

RMS land acquisition reduction from 2 hectares to 1.641.

01/07/14 \$550,000. 1.641 hectares after 20% reduction?

01/07/19 \$1,970,000. 1.641 hectares

WHILST STILL LOW FOR 4 ACRES IN THE SYDNEY BASIN. It's closer after the 01/07/05 valuation, In my opinion systematic reductions took place in preparation for the FORCED LAND ACQUISITION!.

GREEN ZONE and the fallacy of the drains on this property are natural.

I literally have dozens of photo's that show a total lack of trees on this property and that the drainage easement that runs along the northern fence was man-made.



Figure 2 Year 1989



Figure 1 Year 2021

Here is a photo of the man-made easement on the northern boundary this was taken in 1989, the second photo is how it looks today.

Due to soil erosion and that fact being noted by the Liverpool council, as a result of the council weeds inspector. Doing his annual rounds, the council took very basic action to stop the erosion. The council had a machine to scrape up and recontour the southern bank to stop the erosion. The council told us to plant lots trees along the banks, we planted she oaks, gums Everything you see today is a result of our planting and leaving it to become a little place of our nature.

The old drain in the front was also man made, that was made by the RTA back in the day to remove water from the Bringelly road corridor. That drain was mostly filled in on properties both to the west and east of my property. In around the 1980's Sydney had a number of big heavy rain events and as I was told temporary drainage was installed. Pipes were installed under Bringelly road as water would cross the road surface. Then as it was replaced by the new diversion up the back. I chose to leave what remained as a water catchment from the house gutters. This was to give a reasonable supply to the trees mostly that WE PLANTED!. It was a planned water feature. The over flow spills into the vee drain on the road side and goes under the neighbours driveway via pipes. This vee drain is in use today by the RMS to take the gutter water away.



Figure 4 Buried She oak



Figure 3 Vee Drain

In the front obsolete drain there has always been a partly exposed but lying on its side large she oak. It was pushed over and buried in the original land clearing Then partially exposed for the temporary front drain by the RTA to get the road water away. Just this shows physical proof the land had earth works prior to the obsolete drain being made. At both ends there was a few she oaks, with a couple along its length.

I have taken photos from the past with todays equivalents. Date estimations are based on events and or the age of my children in those photos.



Figure 6 Year 1989



Figure 5 Year 2021

There are still no trees on the rear of my property looking east but north of the tree screen we created along the old now obsolete drain, and in the easement at the rear of the property. There is now 1 small peppercorn we planted in the middle of that grassed area as seen in the photo.



Figure 8 Year 2000



Figure 7 Year 2021



Figure 12 Looking up driveway from front corner of house 1989



Figure 11 Year 2021



Figure 10 Looking west up Bringelly Road 1993



Figure 9 Year 2021



Figure 14 Standing in front drain year 2000



Figure 13 Year 2021



Figure 16 Year 1989



Figure 15 Year 2021



Figure 17 Year 1994



Figure 18 Year 2021



Figure 20 Year 1989



Figure 19 Year 2021

Whilst I understand progress means things do not stay as they were. Claiming our property as a green zone can only be looked on with disbelief as 75-80% of the trees in the obsolete drain and about the same in the 20wide easement on the northern fence line will be removed. The obsolete drain will no doubt be filled in totally and pipes will be laid in the vee drain. Along the 20 wide easement this will be cleared out and widened, then it will be lined with concrete, usually in a big storm water drain like this it will have centre supports made with pre-cast walls and the result in multiple square corridors spanning the entire 20 metres. Both ends of now bridge for the 4 lane road will have further earth works as in large rocks held by wire mesh to help stop erosion.

The road corridor to be zoned as green zone is a fairy tale you tell others, when you are trying to avoid paying the lands real value.

Environmental Space Around Airports¹

I've worked around defence establishments, my father was also an engineer for both the civil aviation dept and the defence dept. I know one thing in regards to the need to avoid attracting bird life any where near airports and planes. IT'S A NO NO!

Millions of dollars around the world, is spent chasing and removing birds from around airports. That includes trees, standing water like dams, food sources like fruit trees, long seeding grass and covering over waterways like creeks. Spraying to remove insects is another process that is undertaken to distract bird life.

What The Public Really Wants.

One needs to consider if a government is trying to acquire land through bulling and deception, with its ability to rezone, rate out and artificially supress land with the Valuer General dropping valuations. With the ability to influence the courts and be seen to be doing deals with big developers and large land holders. I'm of the opinion it will only cause a growing distrust of any government. Those who remember back, both / all sides of the political spectrum are potentially guilty of the practices mentioned above. You will discover the public will swing further to the right.

I've also heard that what the NSW state government is doing by acquiring lands at reduced costs to themselves, is potentially in conflict with UN and human rights conventions.

This anger and distrust of the government is only creating a larger group to take a class action against the government.

If the public in general does not want to pay the right price for those lands to be acquired. Then does the public really want or need any of this including the airport, as tens of thousands will be affected with noise, air and water pollution.

In Regards To A Fair Result For All.

Before Land values get to far out of the reach of the government. One would of thought that, the government drew a line around the area calling it the Areotropolis. That area should be acquired by the government all at one time. If the government was to pay 1 million per acer to the land holders

regardless of where it was in the Areotropolis area. The government would not loose out at all. Those areas in more valuable areas would compensate for the lessor areas.

Green zones are and always will be traded for credits, as it stands land developers offset other areas to allow denser areas in developments. The answer from the government is, “ we cannot afford to buy all this land at once”.

Bullshit is my reply.

Land developers will be lining up to acquire lands as soon as it becomes available, and at auction the real values will be realised.

If the government cannot afford or refuse to pay the correct values of land, on the day of acquisition then it should remove itself from the equation and let the public determine its future with free enterprise. The market will decide the value of the lands.

In my opinion the current government in this case as it stands is definitely not conservative or capitalist, its progressive left and restrictive. With the desire to profit from its voters with malfeasance.

Final statement.

We are opposed to the zoning of any area that reduces the land in question of its real value.

It's immoral and deceitful with total disregard for those hard working families who built this parkland area for the real benefit of everybody in the state. Only to have it taken away and destroyed in the name of progress and the possible environmental benefit that it may create. By means of force sale and under payment.

Your very disappointed and not trusting of the government!

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