

12 March 2021

The Dept of Planning, Industry and Environment,

RE: Western Sydney Aerotropolis – Draft precinct plans

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a member of the longstanding local rural community in the Kemps Creek/Rossmore area. We have greatly anticipated this airport over the last few decades and were thrilled when it was finally announced to go ahead in 2014. We were thrilled because, like everyone else in the Sydney South West region, we believe the airport will deliver much economic benefits such as employment opportunities closer to where we live, business opportunities and greater prosperity for all of us.

Sadly this is not to be the case for many families and I am writing to voice my strongest condemnation of your efforts to deprive families of the value of their properties through unfavourable rezoning decisions that demonstrate absolutely no regard or consideration of their legal property rights. Many of these small landowners are retired elderly people who have high needs in terms of medical, hospital and nursing care & who due to their frail aged vulnerability simply cannot afford to be deprived of their property asset value &/or be encumbered with artificially rising council rates that may drive them out. It is our collective belief that the Planning Dept is therefore at risk of committing elder & disability abuse, should any retired elderly or disabled person be driven out of their homes without adequate, fair & reasonable compensation.

The rezoning that is called Environment & Recreation – while favourable in principle towards creating green spaces – is in fact an utter atrocity for affected households IF it will lead to the value of a property zoned E&R becoming worthless by being unsaleable and IF govt will not purchase that land with adequate compensation to the affected landowner in a timely manner. Should this unacceptable situation arise for any landowner, this would be a massive abomination that no individual in a democratic capitalist economy can ever dream possible and yet this is what the DPIE is trying to deliver to the long hardworking local community of the Aerotropolis. This must not be allowed to happen.

We, the community of the Aerotropolis, believe we are being treated appallingly and demand that the Dept of Planning pull their socks up and deliver a much better deal for each one of us. We demand that in the face of so much value added economic benefit that this airport is delivering and will continue to deliver, that no small landowner should ever find themselves worse off. By worse off, we specifically mean that an existing resident landowner may be so inadequately compensated that they would not be able to afford to live in the area where they currently reside. We demand that the Dept stop viewing us like an entity whose property values must be usurped or devalued.

