

Alan Moroney - NWRL re-zoning of Cherrybrook

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Dear Sir/Madam,

After attending the Information Session held last Saturday 13th April at the Cherrybrook Uniting Church this email is intended to give feedback on the proposed re-zoning of the Cherrybrook area north of Castle Hill Road affected by the North West Rail Link Draft Structure Plan for Cherrybrook. My family objects in the strongest possible way to this proposal.

Our family has lived here in Cherrybrook for over 10 years and we chose this area because it offered space, a peaceful lifestyle, good education choices and a family-oriented community.

It was a source of disappointment for us that County Drive and Highs Road were never used to their intended and full potential, and that decisions were made which saw them reduced to gridlock at peak times, but nevertheless we put up with this and the local shopping centre being inaccessible by car for the other positives the area offered.

The decision to re-zone the NWRL Cherrybrook area in question is strenuously objected to on these grounds:

- The nearby suburb of Castle Hill is already zoned for medium density housing and is nowhere near at its full development potential. There is no need to zone and develop Cherrybrook in the same way at this stage and even into the future, as a precedent has been set with the suburbs of Beecroft and Cheltenham being left at their original low density zoning despite having train stations.
- The re-zoning of Cherrybrook would lead to the significant loss of amenity for residents in and near the area in question, and a loss of community for residents who have chosen and value this way of life.
- The increased traffic in the area from the many more cars which would be using the streets as a result of the significant population increase would seriously erode lifestyle and travel times even further.
- The current situation of the streets and entrance/exit from the Cherrybrook Shopping Centre is appalling at peak times. Taken together with County Drive as examples of planning, I am not inspired by the ability of the Hornsby Council and NSW Governments to deliver successful outcomes for traffic management and shopping accessibility.

- With medium density housing comes an increasingly transient population, and I have seen firsthand in other suburbs the results of this in terms of the educational implications for local schools (more and more resources must be put into 'catching up' students who move frequently to the detriment of their educational outcomes) and of crime rates (just speak with any residents of the Macquarie University train line who will tell you about the increase in graffiti and property crime since the rail line opened there).

In conclusion we wish to register our strongest objections to this re-zoning and the changes to Cherrybrook which will result from it.

Kind regards

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