

Broader Western Sydney Employment Area (Structural Plan) –Submission

At a time when the state of New South Wales is reeling from Politician and Developers Nexus (Edie Obied & Ian McDonald Enquiry) this structural plan is a win for the Badgerys Creek Consortium (BCC) which comprises the Medich Property Group and Damjanovic as landowners. The years of lobbying by the consortium has paid off resulting in their land being included as a part of Broader Western Sydney Employment Area. It gets better for them. They not only got their landholdings included but also staged for release ahead of the existing identified employment land in the South West Growth Centres. Then there is the "Precinct acceleration Protocol". The size of their holdings makes it viable for them to develop their land out of turn. Guess who pays the price?? The small landholders in the existing South West Growth Centre, of course! They have been bumped down the staging priority list to accommodate all the newcomers in the broadened area.

Indeed, it is a shame that vested interests continue to prevail over good policy, fairness and ethical conduct. It is morally, ethically and logically wrong to benefit these large landowners with the power of money to be favoured over small landholders in the "Future Industrial precinct" in the South-west Growth centre. Successive governments have reaffirmed the Sydney's Growth Centres. The Growth Centres strategy continues to dictate the release of residential land. This structural plan 'pulls the rug from under the feet' of landowners in "Future Industrial precinct" landowners in the South-west. **Shame! Shame! Shame!**
I reckon that for the land owners in SWGC it is worth exploring the possibility of a class action against the planners, if the structural plan was finalised because by advocating the Growth Centres Strategy for last 8 years as the blue print for sequential land release on Sydney's fringes the government/planners have mislead and financially disadvantaged them.

Further, considering the likely hood of the Badgerys creek airport being approved strengthens the case expedite the release of SWGC employment area as it would be the logical approach in an unpredictable scenario .It is win-win in either case.I sincerely hope that commonsense will prevail and that the SWGC "Future Industrial precinct" is staged for release ahead of those added in this expanded Broader Western Sydney Structural Plan.

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