

SUTHERLAND LEP INDEPENDENT REVIEW

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Comment: Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission. I firstly start out by saying that in no way am I an expert in planning. However, I must say that I find it strange that there is all this conjecture about the so called rush in the LEP. Nothing could be further from the truth. My family received a personal letter from the Mayor, there were notifications in my rate notices and numerous things in the local paper and media articles. Quite frankly I find the whole thing a little boring except that the outcome is very important. For years Shire councils have stopped development and finally we have a council that seems to be serious about doing something and ensuring we have enough housing. I have reviewed the changes to the LEP and I strongly support the increased housing in Sutherland. For too long Sutherland has been a dead place but with more units near the station I believe it can be transformed. I must admit that I do have an ulterior motive as I have two teenage kids and one in their early 20's just finishing Uni. Together my son and I are looking for a place for him to buy in Sutherland near the station as he plans to find a job in the city later this year when he finishes his degree. We have decided as a family to loan him some money for a deposit. Unfortunately, our experience is that we find it very difficult to find anything to buy that is modern yet affordable (and also the rents if you can get a place, are very high if he decides to rent and wait for something). It is clear that we need a change so there is a greater supply and therefore more choice. Sutherland is a very under developed area and there seems to me (albeit I am not a planner) plenty of older homes within walking distance to the station that could be perfect for good quality units to be built that can have cafes etc to make it nice for younger people. Also Sutherland has some very good facilities like the pool and gym that are in walking distance to the station. Sutherland is a good place for more development.	