

Department of Planning and Infrastructure

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To Whom It May Concern

This letter is in regards to the Proposal to expand the Western Sydney Employment Area


I wish to table my opinion in point form to make this submission as succinct as possible.

- Firstly I am extremely concerned around the Department of Planning and Infrastructures methodology in regards to their thought process and delivery of their development proposals. This proposal had come to light to me on 3rd of Sept 2014 through the Fairfield Advance leaving just over 2 weeks to lodge a submission. I could not find any previous local announcement other than that on the website stating exhibition commenced 21st August 2014. I would also like to point out that there was nothing listened on the following website being the website I use for planning updates. <http://growthcentres.planning.nsw.gov.au/>. In fact there hasn't been any updates on this site for quite some time.
- The area being proposed is approximately 3 times that of the area reserved for Badgery's Creek Airport. It amazes me then that such a proposal would not have been given the significant media coverage warranted to allow adequate cover for comment. It concerns me, and I am not alone in this concern that the DPI are aligned too closely to the development mindset and not close enough to future ecological sustainability.
- It appears to me that the DPI will not be happy until all possible green land is surrendered to development of one form or another under the guise of economic development.
- For an economy to flourish we require sustainability, not just endless growth. The DPI needs to understand this and limit the extensive growth in Western Sydney and maintain sustainability and retain these proposed areas as green belt.
- I imagine the DPI are using the Badgery's Creek Airport as a "foot in the door" in tabling this proposal. I would like to point out that the public has not yet seen an up to date E.I.S on the airport at this time and yet airport construction commencement is slated for early 2015. How can this possibly be allowed in absence of an E.I.S and to that end how can the airport be allowed after two previous definitive rejections.
- Sydney cannot be allowed to continue to grow at its current rate as it is not sustainable. The DPI must look at other areas outside of Sydney for growth prospects. We must maintain our green lands as a source of bio-diversity, horticulture and food supply. Losing such an area to 4,500 hectares of

development will even further adversely impact residents of this area to noise, air and light pollution, traffic congestion and increased health issues.

In summary I take the position that I am totally opposed to this proposal any further development in these green areas. We cannot be allowed to continually steal these areas from our children and their future generations.

Sincerely
Michael Clark

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Clark", with a stylized, flowing script.