

153 Guntawong Rd Rouse Hill

I write with reference to 153 Guntawong Rd Rouse Hill and the recent rezoning of this land in the East Riverstone Precinct.

Our family moved onto this property in 1980 from a residential property in Kellyville. As my wife and I both came from farming and horse training backgrounds we made the decision to move to a rural outlook as soon as possible. We made this decision based on our need for space to run our business in our field of expertise; we also enjoyed the peace and quiet of living on a larger property. We have enjoyed our time at this property and have raised our two children here.

We have been happy and comfortable living in our chosen location until last week, as this is when we looked over the recent exhibition of land rezoning for the East Riverstone precinct. Our property has been rezoned as half RE1 and the other half undecided and unknown. We find this most unsatisfactory and an untenable position. After considering the draft proposal we had seen earlier in the year we are shocked that our land is exhibited as RE1 as it was not suggested in the original draft proposal.

It is my understanding that this RE1 zoned land would be acquired from us by council at a time when most of the surrounding people had already moved into their medium density housing. This means we would be living surrounded by large construction sites for an undetermined time. The noise and air pollution created by this construction would be unbearable if it were only on one of our boundaries let alone three. Considering that our house is on this portion of the land it leaves us without options and as the other portion of the land is to be rezoned in stage 3 of the development. This means we are unable to move and unable to sell. Furthermore, our livelihood relies on free range poultry farming and horse training, both of which would be impossible with your current proposal. As we are unable to purchase another property in the interim we find these decisions most unfair. We also notice that there is a roadway running right through the centre of our property. When would this be likely to be built? As our house is in the rezoned RE1 portion of our land and our dam is on the undetermined area any such roadworks would cut us from our main water supply. Should the road not be built and we can still harvest our water we are concerned that the dust and other air pollution would contaminate our water supply. Furthermore, all of our water supply is reliant on electric pumping, any disruption to the power supply would cause us great inconvenience. We have lived on our property for close to 40 years without a towns main water supply, not to mention sewer or gas and we have never made any complaints regarding these issues.

Faced with the current scenario we cannot continue without making ourselves heard.

We are very unhappy with the current exhibited plans. The current zoning plan will leave us covered in dust, unable to hear each other inside our own home, unable to continue with our business, unable to have friends and guests over and potentially leave us without a solid water supply for our livestock and ourselves. For these reasons we ask that our Planning Department reconsider its proposal.

We propose and suggest that the Planning Department:

- Rezones the entire 5 acre parcel in the first stage (as part RE1 and decide on what the other half would be).
- Understanding that the lower half of the land parcel may need further infrastructure and services to be developed we propose that the RE1 section get moved to the lower area of the property as this RE1 area would need minimal services. This would make the top half available for re-zoning. As this portion of the property is the highest point in the East Riverstone precinct it seems a waste to not utilize the potential view of the mountains. Under the current proposal the view from within the RE1 area would be blocked from all directions by 3 story dwellings.
- Relocate the park to another property altogether of which that property is wholly within the stage one area and rezone the top half of our property to whatever the precinct requires. With consideration to the draft proposal we expect that there must be other suitable areas

Any of these options will give us opportunity to sell our property or part of it before we are affected by the development and that will give us the resources to relocate ourselves to the rural lifestyle to which we are accustomed.

As land owners and carers, as residents of Blacktown, as ratepayers and taxpayers and as a pioneering family of the area, we ask our government to be more considerate to our needs and respect our ownership of this land.

Regards

Stephen and Susan Carn