To whom it may concern,

**RE: GREATER MACARTHUR LAND RELEASE**

I refer to the above and confirm that as a landowner I have been put in limbo by the government’s planning policies since as long as I can remember. I’ve been unable to invest as I’ve been unable to subdivide my land because apparently one day Appin will be needed for Sydney’s expansion. Now this latest investigation is just a repeat of the same old story. Appin is needed but not until 2036. What am I supposed to do until then.

The land is no longer viable for agriculture and I’m unable to compete with the larger farms in the west, yet I pay high land rates just because of the value of the land.

Your study concludes that Appin village can be protected and we support this whole heartedly however, this should not mean that the whole region is sterilised. West Appin isn’t even visible from the village because it’s separated by bushland.

Your study also concludes Menagle Park, Mt Gilead and Wilton can house 35,000 homes over 20 years. How is this possible when much of Wilton and parts of Menagle Park and Mt Gilead are affected by mining and coal seam gas.

As Mt Gilead and Menangle Park have some of the most fertile soils in the region, why are you proposing this land for housing and then propose our low quality land until 2036???

I believe the community will support well planned growth that protects bushland and habitats.

I further believe the community will support growth if it results in real improvements to our roads especially Appin Rd. If a bypass were built around the village everyone would benefit. It would be the safest option for school children crossing on their way to school.

Yours faithfully,

Nikola Franovic