To whom it may concern,

**RE: GREATER MACARTHUR LAND RELEASE**

I have been put in limbo by the government’s planning policies since the beginning. I’ve been unable to subdivide my land because apparently one day Appin will be needed for housing and expansion.

Now this investigation shows Appin is needed but not until 2036. What a joke.

Why should I pay high land rates just because of the value of the land when nothing can be done with it.

Your study concludes that Appin village can be protected and I support this. 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 growth if it results in real improvements to our roads as there have been over 100 crashes in 5 years on Appin Road. I think everyone would benefit if a bypass were built. It would certainly be the safest option for school children crossing on their way to school.

We need Council to write to government asking them to included Appin in the Growth Centre Plans.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Franovic