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To the Department of Planning & Environment

Submission regarding The Greater Macarthur Land Release

We have been to the community forum meeting on the 9th November 2015 we have been very disappointed the way some of the people express themselves about the environment and wildlife because simply we believe we can achieve both.

Appin township need to have development growth and infrastructure otherwise it will become the poorest town in New South Wales therefore it needs to be included in the Greater Macarthur Land Release. We cannot wait any longer to see development some of us wont be around

We understand that huge amount of money is needed for Roads and Infrastructure this is why the release of land and rezoning is very important and should be made available so the cost can be shared by developers. We need more houses in Appin, Shops Amenities, & Transport. I believe there is already a train line that got started in the 50's or 60's and nothing came of it and I think the main key would be to upgrade the train line perhaps.

BC people used to live in caves we don't want Appin to be in that category it is already branded as a sleepy town, a minority of people wants to live that way but not everyone.

We believe the community will support well planned growth that protects bushland and habitat and retains the qualities of larger lots and open space protecting views, our rivers and gorges. We also believe the community will support growth if there is real improvements to our roads especially Appin Road which has a bad history of accidents and the trees on Appin Rd has a contribution to the lives lost. We also believe the lanes needs to be expanded at least to 2 lanes up and 2 lanes down. If a Bypass were built around the village everyone would benefit. Diversion of traffic away from the school would be the safest way to go. Therefore we want development that includes requirements for developers to rebuild Appin Road.

If more studies take place and compare Wilton and Appin for sure Appin should be considered in the Macarthur Release Plan.

Thinking about agriculture Appin is not fertile at all it is poor in calcium, but is an excellent location for subdivision and is only 60 mins away from the Existing International Airport and if the roads get upgraded it will even be a lot less so what is wrong with Appin? So why not include Appin in the Development

When I bought my property in 1992 my solicitor told me that it was centre of a subdivision and why it is not now and who has decided to change that. According to the amount of proposed houses in Wilton and other areas it does not balance out according to the small subdivision that happened recently in Appin, I found it extremely unfair to develop Wilton which is further out whilst Appin is much closer to Campbelltown. We strongly believe that Appin should be included in the Macarthur Growth plan and not to be left behind for another 36 years.

We are told in your study that our land has threatened species that need to be protected for the sake of civilisation well what about protecting us and our families?

Some farmers which has been on the land for generations and are unable to work the land any more and has no income or very low return from it but still needs to pay high rates because their land are
classed to be potential urban expansion that will never happen, this is very unfair

We have been living under a cloud for many years and we have had enough!
I hope you will take our views in consideration

Yours sincerely
Concerned residents