

Dear NSW Planning,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the future developments of the Greater Macarthur Land Release.

I have the stress my disappointment that Appin is not included in the current strategy. This area is desperately awaiting development and has been recognised for decades as valuable land for residential development. The many parcels of land...most large lots that surround the town centre represent a great opportunity for a continuous large area suitable for development without affecting the nature of the existing town centre.

I believe the existing identity of the Appin Township can and should be preserved. I am aware of a minority of very vocal town locals that are actively against this development but with careful planning and dealing with some of the local issues like better town facilities and road upgrades much of this concern can be eliminated. For instance Appin road is in desperate need of an upgrade as it is an extremely dangerous road so an upgrade with or without development in the area is a must. Surely making the upgrade of this road a mandatory condition of development in the area would fast track this saving lives in the area.

Much of the land in and around Appin is not viable for farming and due to the current recognition as valuable land is leaving property owners in a state of limbo not able to work the land and not able to split larger lots into small acreages, another problem is many of the properties are being left in a state of disarray with noxious weeds taking over paddocks. Most of these paddocks and land holdings are clear of native vegetation adding to their eligibility for development.

The Macarthur area is plagued with problems in relation to mining so it intrigues me why Appin with mining exhausted in the area is not considered yet areas such as Menangle, Wilton and Gilead have some sort of mining still active in these areas.

I have lived in the Appin area all my life along with other surrounding land owners whom many are in the later years of their lives. I think to leave these people that have this ripe and ready developable land is just not right. To leave these people in limbo for another 20years that many will not get to see is an injustice.

Please consider Appin in your current Greater Macarthur Land Release.

Again thank you for this opportunity to respond.