

Support for Development in Appin

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The land in Appin has already been identified as suitable for urban development, it has been mined so there is no problem with subsidence like there will be at Wilton, and there is no future for agriculture and no opportunity to subdivide the land into smaller lots like in Austral, Kemps Creek and Catherine Fields.

Appin was previously stopped from development because of mining and now that mining is completed the government has still decided to stop it. Why has the government now decided that Wilton can be developed when it has not been mined but this was never the case with Appin?

It is unfair that development be rejected in Appin because our land was identified as a future expansion corridor we have had our land sterilised for 40 years with high rates and no chance to subdivide or relieve the cost burden.

Does the government understand that when your land is mined it subsides by a metre and that houses get damaged and people have to move out?

Why is the government approving thousands of houses at Wilton where they are going to subside and no houses at Appin where the mining is completed?

The government has said Appin cannot be developed because the roads would cost too much. Why is this when the developers have said they will pay for the new roads that are needed?

The government has said Appin is not needed because there is enough land. But land is so expensive that no one can afford to buy it on ordinary incomes and the reason it is so expensive is because there is very little available to buy.

My family has been put through hell for over 40 years because of government decisions and we have been in limbo, never being able to subdivide our land because it was needed for Sydney's expansion but this never came. Appin is needed now because the other land is affected by mining and cannot be developed and the land that is available is too expensive to buy.

Therefore, development in Appin is required to substantiate the growth needs for greater Sydney.

Yours sincerely,

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