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SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT SHOWGROUND STATION PRECINCT PROPOSAL

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in relation to the Draft Showground Station Precinct Proposal (the Draft Proposal). I am a Landowner in the precinct and have been a resident of the Hills District for over 30 years.

It is pleasing to see that the Draft Proposal has addressed many of the short comings in the Hills Shire Council's strategy for the development of the Precinct under the Council's plan the area would either be very slow or not develop at all.

The release of the plan has encouraged even more residents to pool together to market their sites as potential development sites this will give the Department the opportunity to implement an overall plan for urban design and streetscape.

It will be integral to the success of the Showground Precinct and urban activation in the area that there is sufficient appetite in the market for early development and investment in the area to coincide with the completion of the Sydney Metro Northwest Rail Link and submit that the Draft Proposal should not get caught up in "red Tape" but should be expedited to maintain the momentum that has built up in the Precinct with the release of your Draft Proposal.

Your Proposal gives developers a greater opportunity to maintain the 'Garden Shire character and lifestyle' that attracts people to the area and that the Councils wishes to

maintain. The creation of the Town Square opposite the station and the revitalising of the Cattai Creek area is to be applauded but in any development of the Castle Hill Showground consideration should be given to its existing uses.

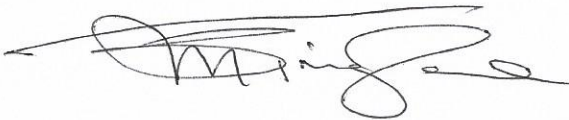
The Showground has iconic status within the history of the Hills District and continues to be part of the lifestyle identity for which the district is renowned. Regular Farmers markets, flower shows are held, people walk, jog, conduct yoga and taichi, exercise dogs, fly kites and children ride bicycles. The area is used for concerts, circuses, gymkhanas and major fundraising events such as 'Relay for Life'.

Since 1891 the site has been used for the Annual Castle Hill Show which attracts exhibitors from local residents, schools as well as people from outside the area and is a must event to attend if you live within the Hills District. It is to be hoped that the growing population would also embrace the lifestyle of the Hills District by attending this event .

Since 1966 the Castle Hill Players – considered to be one of the finest non professional theatre group in New South Wales - has had the constant use of purpose built The Pavilion Theatre. This theatre has been the launching platform for many in the theatrical and television fields. The Pavilion is a great asset to the Hills District and it would be a tragedy for this cultural asset to be lost.

The Showground should remain devoted to cultural, community and passive use and should be improved in keeping with its traditional uses. Sports facilities should be further developed in Fred Caterson Reserve and elsewhere.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Triglone', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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