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Dear Ms Carruthers

**RE THE SHOWGROUND PRECINCT PLAN
(ADDENDUM)**

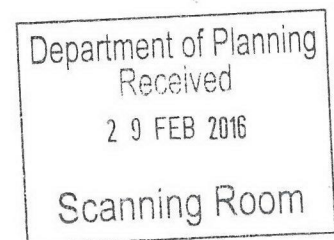
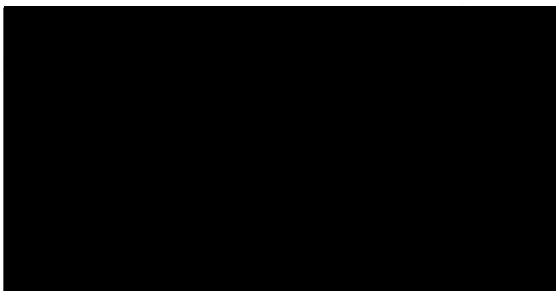
We are enclosing a copy of a submission dated 25 February 2016 that we posted to the DPE last week. In addition we want to add the following to our submission.

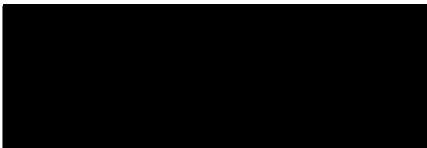
We understand (Council meeting held on 23rd February 2016) that the Hills Shire Council is seeking a compromise between their plan and the DPE plan. Any reduction in height (DPE plan 8 storeys) would be wasteful – uneconomical use of extremely valuable land within minutes walking distance of the future rail station. We are giving up our homes so that an expanding population can be housed close to the future rail system – which is costing taxpayers billions of dollars. This rezoning of our beautiful neighbourhood is presenting the government with a ONE OFF opportunity. It must not be squandered.

Unfortunately we only just realised upon reading your email relating to submissions and surveys that we omitted to indicate that under no circumstances did we want our personal details published online or otherwise.

We have no objection to the content of the submission being published.

Sorry for any inconvenience we may have caused.





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Dear Sir/Madam

RE THE SHOWGROUND PRECINCT PLAN

If it is essential that, at great physical, emotional and financial upheaval, we will be forced to give up **our home** to provide for the expanding population due to proximity of the new rail infrastructure then the Department of Planning and Environment Showground plan offers some recompense for our forced evacuation.

The Council plan originally presented offered us no hope at all for our future and the plan* they presented in terms of the predicted population for the Showground precinct seemed certainly impractical and did not take advantage of the proximity of our property to the future rail station and community facilities surrounding the station as it seems still intent upon overturning the Department of Planning & Environment's strategy.

Whilst the minutes of the Council meeting seemed to indicate that there has been consultation with the Department and the Council notes indicate that they are very concerned about the "healthy lifestyles", "strong communities" of future residents Council have given us the existing residents who are being called on to sacrifice their healthy, community lifestyle to the newcomers - for the unknown - have in our experience been shown no such concern or consideration for our future. We are very worried that due to the difficulty in finding a suitable home we are going to be forced to rent at from what we know could be - depending on the time factor a very large expenditure.

"The unique characteristics of these precincts", says Council, "is that they are not areas of urban decay, nor has the housing stock reached the end of its useful life" Surely it should follow that the final plan will reflect a concern to compensate - adequately the residents who are being forced to surrender their cherished homes.

Of course it will be a tremendous waste for this beautiful habitat to have built upon it blocks of units in place of the existing family homes with their lovely gardens. But, having said that it would be a waste also if this area in particular which has very close proximity to the future rail station is not adequately taken advantage of in terms of housing as many people as possible. Of course these buildings should be carefully planned and not be ugly.



*our locality is 8 storeys in the DPE plan