



Education



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Dear Ms Carruthers

**Re: Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in response to the Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy.

Our submission refers more particularly to the release of surplus land at Glenfield, at the site of the existing Hurlstone Agricultural High School, enabling substantial re-investment in school facilities.

The Department of Education's commitment is to boost agricultural education and schools in Western Sydney, by re-investing funds received from the sale of approximately 140 hectares of surplus land at Glenfield in order to provide:

- a new Hurlstone Agricultural High School at the Western Sydney University Hawkesbury campus which will be a world-leader in high-tech agricultural sciences and STEM;
- a new education precinct in Glenfield, including a major upgrade of the existing high school and existing schools for specific purposes;
- over 180 additional classrooms in South Western Sydney (this will include new schools and upgrades of existing schools, creating about 5,000 new public school places); and
- land for a new primary school reserved at Glenfield.

The new Hurlstone Agricultural High School will be a fully selective student school, which is expected to start enrolling students from 2020. It will include boarding facilities and access to 1,400 hectares of agricultural land suitable for learning about modern day farming practices in partnership with Western Sydney University.

The existing high school at Glenfield will receive an upgrade, providing future-focused learning spaces and allowing for additional selective school places in South Western Sydney.

The existing schools for specific purposes on the Glenfield site will be retained and receive a rebuild as part of a new Glenfield education precinct, providing students with complex needs with improved facilities.

This plan is being made possible by approximately 140 hectares of surplus land at the Glenfield site being made available for other purposes.

The Department welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) and Government Property NSW to create a land use strategy, facilitate the urban renewal of Glenfield Macarthur and divestment of surplus land at Glenfield.

As Sydney's population grows, so does the demand for community facilities and sports fields. Schools, local councils and community organisations all have resources they could share to help meet this demand whilst improving community relationships and fostering social cohesion.

The Department will work with Council and the DP&E to explore opportunities for joint or shared uses at the Glenfield site as part of ongoing planning investigations.

We are also intent on exploring broad-spectrum opportunities with the DP&E, Council and community partners for joint or shared use of community facilities such as before and after school care, early learning centres and child care, gyms, public open space, sports fields and recreation, community infrastructure, such as libraries and other civic facilities and social assets.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy, and we look forward to working with the DP&E, local government and community partners in order to facilitate better community outcomes throughout NSW.

Yours sincerely



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