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Department of Planning and Environment  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area Proposal**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area Proposal. WaterNSW responded previously to working drafts of the investigation reports in 2015.

WaterNSW notes this proposal focuses on the Campbelltown-Macarthur Regional City Centre and will coordinate land use and infrastructure planning for:

- urban renewal around seven train station precincts from Glenfield to Macarthur
- new land release areas of Menangle Park and Mount Gilead, and
- New Wilton Town.

WaterNSW owns and manages critical water supply infrastructure in the Greater Macarthur area, including the Upper Canal from Pheasants Nest Weir along the Nepean Tunnel, in the Wilton New Town Priority Area, and between Broughton Pass weir and the Main Southern Railway Aqueduct in the West Appin-Mount Gilead-Menangle Park Priority Growth Area.

The primary issues for WaterNSW include:

- potential impacts from development adjacent to, over and under the Upper Canal
- potential extraction from the Canal (water supply, including potential increased extraction from Broughton Pass Weir)
- potential new customer(s).

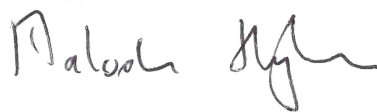
WaterNSW notes the Greater Macarthur Land Release Investigation Land Use and Infrastructure Analysis Preliminary Strategy and Action Plan identifies the Upper Canal as land which is constrained and not suitable for development, while being surrounded by land that is either unencumbered or has resolvable encumbrances. The Upper Canal is also specifically identified in the section on Key rezoning Issues with development needing to ensure the system is not adversely impacted. WaterNSW supports these statements.

It is also noted the Land Use and Infrastructure Analysis specifically identifies the Metropolitan Special Area and restricted access, as well as the Upper Canal and corridor, which is also supported.

WaterNSW anticipates the opportunity to comment more specifically on future planning proposals for rezoning of areas directly affecting the Upper Canal, as well as on any individual development applications submitted for proposals adjacent to the Upper Canal, as per current practice. Our responses may include requests for conditions of consent to be included.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above matters please contact Alison Kniha on 4724 2451 or [alison.kniha@waterNSW.com.au](mailto:alison.kniha@waterNSW.com.au).

Yours sincerely,



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