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Department of Planning and Environment  
23-33 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

**By Online Portal**

Dear Sir,

**Re: Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area**

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) NSW is the state's leading property industry body. It represents more than 500 member companies, and advocates for better planning; timely and affordable housing, and the building of vibrant communities to increase local job opportunities. UDIA NSW's policy platform is based around the creation of affordable, liveable and connected cities for residents, workers and tourists to enjoy.

UDIA NSW congratulates the government on the release of the Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area. UDIA NSW believes that any land release in this State should facilitate levels of production necessary to at least meet underlying demand in a way where infrastructure is able to be funded in a coordinated, structured and timely manner with the ultimate goal being the delivery of commercially sustainable communities at affordable prices.

*A Plan for Growing Sydney* states that by 2031 Sydney's population will have grown by 1.6 million people with 900,000 of this population growth taking place in Western Sydney. To accommodate this population growth, Sydney will require an additional 664,000 new homes. In order for government's estimates to be met one of the key factors needed to be addressed is the steady and transparent release of zoned and serviced land.

UDIA NSW welcomes the Greater Macarthur release as a vital pillar in growing Sydney in a responsible fashion.

Should you have any questions regarding the above please contact Justin Drew, General Manager, Policy and Strategy on 9262 1214 or at [jdrew@udiansw.com.au](mailto:jdrew@udiansw.com.au).

Yours sincerely



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