

## Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area submission

Thank you for allowing me an extension to send in my submission after the closing date.

Are the suburbs of Gilead, Menangle, Appin and Wilton meant to tie in with the Glenfield to Macarthur Urban Renewal Corridor Strategy train? With all of these plans coming out in close succession to one another I am left wondering if there is to be an extension of the train line from Macarthur to Appin via Gilead? This would certainly ease the burden on our roads, which I submit that your plans and documents do not seem to adequately address at this stage.

Although I am no doubt about to repeat many submissions that you have already received in relation to this Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area, I still wish to emphasise the importance of these points which all locals are aware of and most are concerned about.

It is well and good to state ("Greater Macarthur & Wilton 2016 and beyond" document) that parts of some precincts are ready to deliver homes 2018-2023 (Mt Gilead, Menangle Park, Wilton and Picton Rd Junction), but to say that roads will be upgraded *in tandem with* development goes against what Campbelltown Council and locals continually ask for, which is for infrastructure to go in first before the housing. The constant catch-up being played in our region (I include the M5 and Narellan Road here) of road upgrades is frustrating to say the least.

The mention in this document made to road upgrades during following phase (up to 2036) merely confirms concerns regarding insufficient infrastructure being created in the first place.

And the pollution in our area and the resultant adverse health effects is already a major problem without more homes and roads being built.

To state that Wollondilly Council and the State Government want to maintain the character and setting of the villages of their region, including Appin Village, Menangle and Douglas Park (meaning that the villages will have green space separating them from bigger urban areas - ie. green space being a mix of rural land and open space) sounds good on paper, but a Comprehensive Koala Plan of Management needs to be formulated and put in place across the whole region outlined in the map (<http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/~media/Files/DPE/Maps/map-of-proposed-greater-macarthur-priority-growth-area-2006-07.ashx>) prior to final approval of any developments in the Greater Macarthur Priority Growth Area.

Given the proximity of these development areas in the south of Campbelltown and around Appin to rivers and bushland, the importance of protecting the wildlife and retaining more than sufficient areas for wildlife to roam and utilise as corridors is paramount.

Developers really need to fund over and underpasses and roadside fencing to protect wildlife in areas where there are known koala (and other wildlife) black spots (eg. in the vicinity of the proposed Gilead development on Appin Road where there are already regular wildlife deaths). If this road is to be widened to cope with the increase in traffic then the wildlife must be adequately catered for.

The other "problem" with developing these areas to the south of Campbelltown and near Appin is the amount of colonial and aboriginal history in these areas. Gilead alone contains untold wealth in terms of historic value. Healthy curtilages around such homes and their surrounding facilities (dams, barns, etc) need to be enforced so that their true value is not diminished (ie. the heritage value of the landscapes is an intrinsic part of the heritage value of the buildings).

I note that in the map (see link above), there is land along the eastern side of Appin Road included in this proposed Priority Grown Area. I would strongly submit that the bushland along this side of Appin Road contains Core Koala Habitat and as such must not be developed. This issue needs to be looked into by competent experts as a matter of urgency.

One last point, in the Greater Macarthur & Wilton FAQ page, unfortunately the answer to the question “Will the Scenic Hills be developed?” duplicates the answer given to the question “How will you be protecting water quality?”, so I would like to know the answer to the Scenic Hills question please.

Thank you for the opportunity to take part in this process.

Regards,

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