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- **Comments (for the attention of the General Manager)** Somewhat disappointed at the tone and lack of substance at the Workshops held with Council and Infrastructure NSW last Thursday at Rockdale Town Hall (We were all respectful and as an isolated event it can paint a false picture of compliance). It was a general view (at least at my table) that the matters discussed should have been handled by council as a matter of course years ago. How long did it take to get a Swim Centre upgraded? Compared to the massive upheaval suggested by current state government proposals around so called urban development it was a "box ticker if ever I have seen one. The hundreds of people I have talked to are greatly concerned about these (development) proposals. Arncliffe/Wolli Creek are very multicultural suburbs and the number of residents who are unaware of plans is staggering. But lets talk about cycle ways and parks instead. The proposals are over the top, don't take into account the transport and amenity issues that already exist and by the government's own admission in the appendices to the Urban Renewal Plan wont cope into the future. Some development is welcome but the scope is way beyond sustainable or needed. The Wolli Creek precinct is a great example - not families but retirees in many cases (who reckon its 90% rental with many flats unoccupied), holiday makers, properties purchased by rich clients who install siblings attending University. We tried to inject some sanity into that development and were simply brushed aside. Current observations by real estate and banking experts have already identified apartment supply is way beyond need. But let's build more anyway. We have a growing port with zero transport infrastructure. Huge trucks carry gas, petrol, etc are on so called D routes through residential, areas because they cannot use tunnels and thus cant easily access motorways and still wont be able to despite the billions spent on roads and tunnels The choke point that is Arncliffe/Wolli Creek will never be fixed. Trains in peak hour are full. Try catching your appointed train from Arncliffe on any given weekday morning. More apartments? The process of consultation regarding current proposals has been deliberately manipulated to mute the community voice. The workshops should have been about DEVELOPMENT not light weight matters that can't really be scoped until we know the extent of government proposals. I am not holding my breath but as a general observation it's not too difficult to see why governments find it hard to gain traction with voters. Shame they didn't start with best practice models but instead went for a model that maximizes stamp duty and rate accumulation.

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- Thank you!