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Department of Planning

SUBJECT: Child care and education infrastructure draft plan

To Whom It May Concern,

Child care and infrastructure must not impact upon existing residences. Please see link below from this week's Hills Shire Times about a North Rocks resident whose life has been destroyed by a child care centre that has been constructed on her back fence line, ("Agony of Child Care Centre"). The resident, Lee Harrison, complains bitterly in her letter to the editor of the Hills Shire Times that the child care centre causes unacceptable levels of noise, loss of privacy, and considerable loss of property value. The resident has done local residents a favour by publishing a photograph of the 'abortion' that her home has been turned into thanks to the evil and callous planning regulations of the Berijiklian Government and the former Baird Government. She has been good enough to warn people what the adverse impact of the State Government's draft regulations regarding child care and education infrastructure will be.

The Baird/Berijiklian Governments are culpable when it comes to planning regulation. The State Coalition Government is absolutely destroying people's lives as Lee Harrison's letter to the Hills Shire Times reveals. I do not know what has got into the Coalition State Government's psyche when it comes to planning regulation and development in Sydney. Sydney is being ruined by the Department of Planning and the Greater Sydney Commission. I am not aware that anyone voted for the Greater Sydney Commission and its CEO, but it appears the Commission either rivals or has more power than the Minister for Planning and his Department. I am sure that the Coalition will suffer huge swings against it at the State Election in 2019, because voters completely reject the 'totalitarian' planning and development 'regime' that it has put in place.

I am absolutely disgusted and angry!

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THE HILLS

She's a social animal and it's a great start

Big tick for our guide in training



Bev Jordan

IT WILL come as no surprise to anyone that Roxie has a lot of friends, including her Friday coffee gathering pals.

Our would-be guide dog is also a social butterfly and is never alone.

It's a great start for her journey towards becoming a fully trained guide dog.

Part of the role of volunteer puppy-raisers is to ensure that their young charges are well socialised during the 12-month puppy-raising program.

Roxie lives with volunteer Marilyn Tobin at her Baukham Hills home and shares her life with Labrador Monny.

Regular visitors include Marilyn's grandsons but



Roxie the would-be guide dog with her beagle friends Bella and Lulu.

also the beagles Bella and Lulu who live with her son Mark.

The beagles are eight and six years old and so aren't quite as bouncy and playful as Roxie would like but they are good company.

The importance of socialisation is that guide dogs have to get used to other dogs

and also crowds, children, noises, traffic and transport.

The dogs have to tick off a lot of boxes during their training and not being distracted by other dogs or put off by crowds, noise and traffic are all positive attributes for a guide dog.

A lot of the training these little puppies do is centred

about being aware, not being distracted and being focused on commands.

Despite being a Labrador, Roxie is already learning how to come when called and ignore the food in her path.

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Parents parking to blame for traffic woe

WITH the continued housing and unit developments within the Hills Shire and the vast increase in motor vehicles, it is now obvious that the morning stream of traffic on Seven Hills Rd approaching the intersection of Merindah Rd and Seven Hills Rd from the Windsor Rd direction needs immediate attention.

This stream of traffic stretches from the above intersection back to the Baulkham Hills Fire Station on the corner of Seven Hills Rd and Gooden Drive.

As I have observed one of the main reasons for this daily bank up of traffic is the parents or carers of children attending Matthew Pearce Primary School parking their cars against the kerb of Seven Hills Rd between Astoria Park Rd and Toongabbie Creek in order to walk their children to this school.

This parking procedure quite often involves the driver having to hold up the mainstream traffic on Seven Hills Rd as they seek to squeeze their car into the smallest of parking spaces.

As this parking procedure continues with car after car seeking a park spot, the traffic queue on Seven Hills Rd increases and must surely strain the patience of any driver after all the car drivers that must endure this unnecessary hold

up are only trying to get to work on time or go about their business.

The immediate answer to the problem is to stop parking in this area and continually penalise drivers who wish to continue parking there.

Brian Marshall, Baulkham Hills

Plan must be resisted

CONGRATULATIONS to all The Hills Shire councillors for being united in their condemnation of the appalling proposal by the State Government to not only to allow child care centres to be built on residential streets but to also allow schools to build up to four storeys high without council consent

(Playground battleground, March 21, p3).

It shows the incompetence of the NSW Planning and Environment Department for even canvassing or contemplating such a ludicrous idea.

These so-called experts in their field have lost the plot, they have been in their positions far too long and need to chase up a position in the real world to attain a common sense view.

The Minister has a lot to answer for here as well but of course what experience has he got in this area — zilch.

He relies on the bureaucrats to feed him information because he

believes what they say as being gospel. No experienced leadership at all.

Ray Brown, Building Australia Party



Agony of childcare centre development

THIS is what I have looming over my backyard, after the state government approved a three story, 40 kid, childcare centre on a dangerous part of North Rocks Rd.

The residents and ratepayers of The Hills need to be very worried about this, as it could happen to any of you.

It's ruined our lives with the reduced value of our home, noise of 80 car movements a day and lost privacy (I can't sit in our lounge room with the blinds open any more).

I hope The Hills Shire Council can stop this so others don't suffer the same fate!

Lee Harrison, North Rocks

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Premier tells student leadership dinner: "Be true to yourself"

Heard in the Hills

Bev Jordan

PREMIER Gladys Berejlikin was special guest at the launch of the 2017 Hawkesbury-Hills Student Leadership Program founded in 2014 by the now State treasurer Dominic Perrottet.

This year, 30 Year 12 students from 14 high schools are taking part in the program which aims to develop leadership skills and a spirit of service. A series of dinners

with leaders will be followed by a visit to the Nyangatjara College in NT during "Schoolies Week".

Principal Chris Harvey said last year's visit had made a big difference.

The Premier said the leadership program is one she would like all State MPs to start in their electorate.

She said she was inspired by the students' desire to enrich their lives by being part of the program. Her advice: "Make sure you are always true to yourself."

The program's Patron, Sir Angus Houston said: "It's not about the leader, it's about the people."



Premier Gladys Berejlikin launched the Hawkesbury Hills Student Leadership Program on Thursday with Year 12 students from 14 local high schools.



Castle Hill high school students Honore Anderson and Andre Leiva with Supt Rob Critchlow, Supt Steve Egginton and Hawkesbury MP and State treasurer Dominic Perrottet

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