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Department of Planning and Environment
CPO Box 39
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Wilton Priority Growth Area

I have recently reviewed the planning proposals and land use plan for the Wilton growth area.

It is clear from the land use plan that the construction of the Wentworth Deviation on the main south rail line should form an integral part of the growth and land use for the Wilton area.

Surely provision can be made for a dual electrified rail line to run at least partly along the medium strip of the Hume Motorway or parallel or otherwise in close proximity to the motorway. It is clear that a deviation commencing between Menangle and Douglas Park to join the Hume Motorway is readily available. The gradient from this location to through the Wilton area and across the Nepean River is clearly sufficient to allow an at grade railway to link Sydney to the Southern Highlands. It is also clear that a major rail station should be constructed at and become an integral part of the proposed new major centre identified for the Wilton area.

It is also clear that the construction of diverse and adequate residential development should be provided around the new major centre and proposed rail station so as to provide a wide range of residential choice between low density, medium density and high density residential usage.

Can you please confirm that proper consideration will be given to the inclusion of a functional and well located rail service to the Wilton area connecting Wilton to the greater Sydney area as well as the Southern Highlands, Goulburn and Canberra.

The benefits of constructing the Wentworth Deviation prior to major development of the Wilton area would be self evident and should be a matter for consideration, planning and construction in the short term.

I look forward to your early comments herein.

Yours faithfully

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