

29 May 2024

Ms Susan Higginson MLC
Portfolio Committee No. 7 Chair
NSW Parliament
6 Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Higginson

Parliamentary Inquiry – Planning system and the impacts of climate change on the environment and communities

The purpose of this letter is to provide responses to questions on notice from Committee members at the Hearing on 10 May 2024.

1. What is the percentage of the Hornsby Local Government Area that is covered by tree canopy?

Response: In 2022, the Metropolitan Urban Area of Hornsby Shire had a canopy coverage of 42.47% (2,581Ha). The Metropolitan Urban Area represents 13.4% of the total Hornsby LGA area (or 6,077.7Ha).

Source: The Greater Sydney Region Tree Canopy to Modified Mesh Block 2022 dataset published on the NSW Planning Portal.

2. What number of dwellings have development approval but have not commenced within the Hornsby Local Government Area?

Response: Council records indicate that since 2020, at least 1,180 dwellings approved by Council are yet to be delivered.

I trust the above responses are of assistance to the Committee and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

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