

**INQUIRY INTO ACQUISITION OF LAND IN RELATION TO  
MAJOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS**

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**PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES INQUIRY  
LAND ACQUISITION**

**SUBMISSIONS ON OPTIONS FOR THE SYDNEY OUTER ORBITAL  
(Your Ref – RS20/08496)**

Thank you for the chance to speak out about the proposed Outer Sydney Orbital affecting Appin. Whilst the need for new homes, jobs and better road connections and the inevitability of future development is not really in question, the proposed (Blue and Yellow) routes need to be carefully considered.

**THE PEOPLE**

On taking a closer look, you will agree there are a number of homes affected by both routes. This is particularly true of the Yellow option which will affect *many* more homes, families, livelihoods and futures of those who live there. This would be a huge emotional and financial burden to all those affected in our Appin community. The effects on the market, coupled with the inability to sell and the unknown future will have a massive impact on the mental health of these residents.

**POLLUTION**

The Yellow option runs much closer to many parts of Appin, which will become more heavily polluted by noise, vibration and emissions. It also goes directly over the top of an open water source. The Blue option will *not* do either of these.

**HOUSING**

The Blue option will allow for new housing to have closer motorway access. This is not something that any of the residents who have already opted for rural style living, want!

**WILDLIFE/KOALAS**

The Yellow option is sandwiched between 2 environmentally sensitive corridors (wildlife/koala habitats), and land that is currently under submission for re-zoning as E2. The Blue option offers substantially more space between environmentally sensitive corridors thereby reducing the adverse impact of pollution from a motorway.

On a personal front, our home was only completed in 2015 and was built in an eco-friendly way; double glazing, solar panels/heating, Summer sun reducing window angles, warmed by the winter sun. A fine example of how a modern home should be built. A home for a large family. Why should this house be lost, to make way for more family homes? It does not make sense to bulldoze family homes, to make way for development/necessary housing, when there is a choice not to.

Finally, the claim that this development (especially the Yellow option) avoids Appin township, is not quite true. The homes affected are a part of Appin town:

- We are a community of hard working individuals, who have strived to protect our futures and that of our families.
- We are not greedy, and only want what is rightly ours.
- We are businesses, that need the land to support those businesses.
- We are Police, Veterans, teachers, tradespeople, government workers.

- We are homes that we own with room for our animals.
- We are newly built and lovingly, recently renovated family homes.
- We are families with roots, and a great love for the places we have chosen to call home.
- We are Appin community volunteers (RFS, local committee members), local workers and strong supporters of our great community.
- We will not be able to find similar properties in Appin and could be forced to move away from Appin, the place where we belong and long to be.
- We are people, and we are people who do not need to be uprooted if the right decision is made.

Come and see for yourselves, come and talk with us (COVID safely).

Developers have already invested in most of the land around us, leave us with what is left. The developers will not lose out as much as we will, if it is their land that is used for the road instead of ours. Leave something as a nod to the past, of the 5th oldest town in NSW.

There is another option that will least affect residents of Appin, it is the blue option. The Yellow path should not be an option.

We ARE Appin township, Appin township is NOT being avoided.

There is a choice, please make the right one.

Appin Orbital Motorway Support Group