

**Submission
No 12**

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

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SUBMISSION RE GREEN ZONING SURROUNDING THE WESTERN SYDNEY
AIRPORT

My name is Carol Goodwin and I am a land owner and resident of five acres at Bringelly. This land is in the Aerotropolis Core west of Badgerys Creek Road and is one and a half kilometres south of the planned airport second runway boundary.

I'm writing and sending this submission from a personal point of view, due to my concern regarding the green zoning and the toll of its consequences regarding the harsh green "blanket" zoning of land surrounding the Western Sydney Airport.

My husband has lived here for not quite 50 years and I have lived here for not quite 30 years. We are both 74 years old. We have both worked hard, paid our taxes, supported our family and are community minded.

Our plans, goals and dreams for our future are centred on this acreage. It is intended to fund our retirement and future. My husband worked until he was 70 when he retired and looked forward to selling the land to fund his superannuation. I retired earlier than expected due to my responsibilities as a long time Carer of multiple people within my family. This led me to become an advocate and disability volunteer over ten years in the community.

Over decades I have witnessed this local area and its residents made depressed and disadvantaged due to lack of decisions made by the different governments and their ineptness regarding the building of the airport.

The valuation of this land has increased due to our location within Aerotropolis Core and the airport. This led to an increase of Council rates. Yet the government now zones this land as "green" with no opportunity to sell at its true value. We are now left in limbo, in a situation where we cannot go forward, plan our future, support our family, or advance our retirement. It's very distressing witnessing this happen to our neighbours and friends too.

Regarding trees and green zoning: the Minister for Planning is lacking. He demonstrates contradictory and offensive actions in the way in which he zones some constituents land compared to others. This appears to be driven by the government's self-interest. It stinks of crooked developers.

The current inequity and differences between acreage zonings across the road or next to each other is insulting. Who is accountable for this demonstrated lack of care or concern for the human toll of these zonings on people and their families?

Enough is Enough! This zoning is theft and treats people and their families with contempt. It has caused unnecessary shock, anxiety, stress, worry, financial disadvantage, lack of sleep, physical exhaustion and generalised damage to health. This is an intolerable and unacceptable toll on people's mental health and quality of life.

Australia is a democracy. We are egalitarian. What we are currently experiencing feels like the exact opposite. It appears some are more equal than others.

I implore the Premier and the Minister for Planning to be accountable and reverse this land zoning. To change the zoning to advantage ALL landowners. Government members are elected by the people to work and care for the people. This government is not acting in the best interests of people in South West Sydney or NSW. They are not in government to injure their constituents by attempting to take away their basic human rights. We are not disposable!

I await your reply!

Sincerely,

Carol Goodwin