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## **INQUIRY INTO DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recently announced proposed changes to residential building regulations in our area. I understand that the state government is considering allowing residential flat buildings of 3-6 storeys, terraces, townhouses, duplexes, and smaller 1-2 storey apartment blocks in suburbs where they are currently not permitted. While I appreciate the government's efforts to address the housing shortage and create additional housing capacity, I am concerned about the potential impact of these changes on our community in Ku-ring-gai. Our choice to live in this area is based on its tranquillity, excellent green spaces, and overall high quality of life. I fear that the proposed policy changes could jeopardize these essential aspects of our community. The prospect of increased building density, particularly with taller structures, raises concerns about noise, congestion, and the strain on local resources. Our current serene living environment may be compromised, and the charm of our suburb could be lost. Additionally, I am worried that the existing infrastructure may not be sufficient to accommodate the increased population density that these changes could bring. I understand that each local council has its own rules for determining the types of homes that can be built in their area, and I am hopeful that our council shares our commitment to maintaining the unique character and quality of life in Ku-ring-gai. I urge you, as our elected representative, to carefully consider the potential consequences of these proposed changes and to advocate for the preservation of our community's values. I believe that it is essential for our council to resist these policy alterations, ensuring that our way of life is not compromised for the sake of increased housing capacity.