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

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The rush to develop multi-storey housing around the Showground Metro station and into the surrounding villages that are poorly served by public transport is abhorrent in its impact on the local community and devastating in its effect on the fragile environment, endangered wildlife and already polluted waterways. Showground Road is choked now and is already gridlocked with cars, making it impossible to get into or out of the area in the morning and afternoon until late in the evening. The NSW Govt and local council want to allow another 40-50,000 apartments to be built within a kilometre of the Metro which will bring another 50,000+ cars on the streets. This is irresponsible and reckless and will affect the quality of life of everyone in the Hills Shire. Adding to this overcrowding and congestion, in September 2020, while Sydney was in lockdown and communication with the Hills Shire Council was impossible, it surreptitiously released the Master Plan to hand over protected bushland to a commercial organisation (Eastwood Rugby Club) to bulldoze the land and build a sports stadium. The plan will cut down the old-growth grey gum, red gum, turpentine, red and local Cattai mahogany forests and introduce roadways, footpaths, parking areas and bring thousands more cars and people with their rubbish into a beautiful natural haven that will be destroyed and lost forever because of the short-sighted, greed of the people elected to protect those who can't defend themselves.