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INQUIRY INTO DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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I currently live in Lake Macquarie NSW and commute over 2 hours multiple days per week to Macquarie University in Sydney. This is not by choice, it is as a direct result of the astronomical housing costs that the city and NSW more broadly is suffering from. Housing affordability is the premier issue facing the state today and if the systemic causes of supply shortages are not addressed, Sydney and NSW will be inevitably be drained not only economically but culturally as young Australians are increasingly pushed out of the state and its metropolitan areas.

The Transit Oriented Development is a key and vital step in addressing the state's housing crisis that will not only deliver sorely needed housing supply, but is carefully planned to target that supply in areas with currently underutilized infrastructure. Not only this, but by targeting railway stations it will simultaneously make Sydney a more liveable and vibrant city by increasing the opportunity for its residents to live and work without owning a car and thereby living a healthier, more climate-friendly lifestyle which will reduce both the burden on our transport infrastructure, healthcare systems and planet.