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

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Hello Honourable Members of Parliament,

I have been living in Sydney for almost 10 years now. We welcomed our two kids while living here and we are probably better off in terms of jobs than a lot of people who are struggling in the community. In various discussions with friends and community members there are a few things which crop up regularly in terms of how government is failing the young generation especially with housing.

Housing is a fundamental need in any community or civilization (apart from food and basic clothing) . Its these 3 that helps a human maintain their dignity and live in the community. It's a primary driver factor affecting mental health. People are hurting. To have a home in Sydney has become stressful both in terms of affordability and commute to work. A 650k loan that someone can afford on median income gets you nothing. Why should the young generation have any faith in our policies when they can see it's not for their benefit. A well-made unit with playgrounds, schools and amenities nearby is very much desirable , notwithstanding the selfish protests of a few councils more concerned on protecting their turf in twilight than leaving a thought for the future generation. We should definitely have high density housing that people can rent and buy within their means. Its everybody's basic right to be able to afford a roof. Government has a duty to enable it. Of course there is also the bit around getting investment into Units going and solving for construction quality and high strata maintenance issues but am sure a well-made community with amenities centred around ununit dwellings will be very well received especially amongst young people and migrants who are already coming from places where they have mostly lived in units almost all their lives.

Thank you