

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

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Transport Oriented Development Program” [TOD] and

“Changes to create low and mid-rise housing”.

[the Policies]

This supplementary submission to my earlier submission has been prompted by the following which has occurred in recent days:

1. Today my daughter has written to me knowing of the Government’s plans to increase densities (and therefore population): *“Where will the playing fields come from?”* This was in response to her receiving a letter from her local Football Club (a northern beaches Club) with whom her daughter, our granddaughter, wants to play and the difficulty the Club is having in accommodating those who want to play organised team sports.

“In 2020 (the local Football Club) had 1,536 players and this year we will have nearly 1,950 players yet we have no additional training ground allocation.” [March 24, 2024]

And

2. During the last week I have had two tradesmen come from areas outside of Ku-ring-gai. They both remarked on the signs that people have displayed on their front fences and on the kerbs advising of the NSW Government’s plans to densify. They were both disbelieving that such destructive plans were being proposed and both made comments with words to the effect “I always enjoy coming to this area.”

The above raises the issues:

3. of the existing deficit in infrastructure that is already a problem with the existing population. The Government’s Plans to densify and increase population numbers do not allow for commensurate or indeed needed catchup provision of increased open spaces and playing fields. To deny people the opportunity to play in organised team sports because of bad planning is wrong and fails to recognise that these spaces are vital to the health and well-being of the population.

And

4. of the destruction of trees, greenery and the established valued and valuable character of an area.

As stated in my earlier submission I understand the need to increase housing numbers. But what is proposed by the Government is wrong. What is being proposed should be withdrawn and replaced with true planning processes.

Yours sincerely

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