INQUIRY INTO DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRANSPORT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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As an ex-Geography educator, having studied Urban and Regional Geography at Sydney University (Honours level) and in support of what must be many submissions of concern from Sydney residents, I will focus on my personal knowledge of four suburbs in the Ku-ring-gai area along the T1 train line.

Within the 'close to station' zones and beyond of the proposed planning developments, especially on the east side or Roseville, Killara, Lindfield and Gordon stations are contiguous areas of architecturally significant, quality, historic and heritage housing that in geographic terms represent 'regions' in their spatial uniformity. As such, they are precious and would be destroyed by the incursion of multistorey developments, inconsistent by modernity with their surroundings, creating shadow and overpowering, even threatening influences by height.

My simple submission in addressing and changing, even reversing the current proposals is to take good and proper advice from qualified and professional/academic Geographers (not just Town Planners) in assessing how irretrievably destructive the effects would be around these four railway stations and to the local community environment.