



01 June 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Exhibition of Georges River Draft Local Environmental Plan 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on draft GRLEP2020. The Sutherland Shire broadly supports the objectives of Draft GRLEP 2020. Due to timeframes required to report to Council, the attached submission has not been endorsed by the elected Council. Further confirmation will be provided once Council has considered the matter which will occur on 27 July 2020.

Infrastructure: Road & Rail:

Sutherland Shire is dependent upon the transport infrastructure in Georges River to access jobs and services across Greater Sydney. Sutherland Shire Council questions the capacity of existing infrastructure to accommodate anticipated population growth across the South District and the Eastern City District. Whilst it is acknowledged that the Traffic Impact Assessment by Transport and Traffic Planning Associate establishes there is capacity within the existing road network to accommodate the uplift proposed in this amendment, the additional 12,000 dwellings to be provided by 2036 will result in cumulative impacts on existing road and rail.

A key challenge for the South District is the limited capacity of the transport infrastructure to support significant population growth. As part of Sutherland LSPS, a priority was developed to ensure collaboration between government agencies for infrastructure projects. As Georges River and Sutherland Shire share the T4 Illawarra Line, which also serves Bayside Council, it important for collaboration to take place in order for growth to be aligned with infrastructure capacity.

Local Provisions:

Wetlands and waterways have a critical function in the ecological processes that determine the environmental quality of our shared waterways. The inclusion of the following local provisions are supported by the Sutherland Shire Council:

- Clause 6.2 Earthworks
- Clause 6.3 Flood Planning
- Clause 6.4 Stormwater management
- Clause 6.5 Foreshore area and coastal hazards and risks
- Clause 6.6 Riparian land and watercourse

- Clause 6.7 Foreshore scenic protection

The incorporation of these local provisions will encourage better outcomes in the foreshore area, and assist in protecting the natural environment, particularly along the Georges River. This will help balance the needs of the community and impacts on the environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on draft GRLEP2020.

Your Sincerely,

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Mark Carlon

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