



CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

Council Meeting

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at 6:30pm

Cumberland Council Chambers

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Item No: MM02/19-1

MAYORAL MINUTE - HOUSING

Author: Mayor Greg Cummings
File Number: HC-09-01-2/06

SUMMARY

I strongly believe that there is need for a reduction in the strain being placed on Western Sydney by ongoing population growth and failed government housing policies. I am seeking an urgent change in policy so that future housing and population growth is concentrated in those areas of Sydney that are already serviced by well-established infrastructure, rather than in those areas, such as Western Sydney, where vital infrastructure such as adequate public transport is lacking and will not be available in the near future.

In the past decade western Sydney's population has grown by 25%. By comparison, eastern and central Sydney, where infrastructure is concentrated, has grown by less than 15%.

I believe that future housing policy should be based on the following principles:

1. Major housing projects must be paired with major infrastructure projects and timelines.
2. The Greater Sydney Commission's housing targets must be revised to ensure Sydney's growth is more evenly spread and matched with existing infrastructure.
3. Apartments and townhouses, must be directed to those places where there is employment and good infrastructure.
4. The NSW Government must invest in making housing more affordable through zoning and inclusive development schemes.
5. The NSW Government must implement a 'liveability compact' with the people of Sydney, ensuring future growth plans embed measurable liveability targets.
6. Developers must pay their fair share of infrastructure costs; including community facilities, which provide the home for services which ensure new communities' well-being.
7. Rail and other public transport infrastructure must be built and operated so that the density of rail lines, stations and bus services and service frequency is the same in Western Sydney as it is in the rest of Sydney.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council write to the Premier, Leader of the Opposition, Minister for Planning and Shadow Minister for Planning recommending a change to housing policy to include the principles outlined in this Mayoral Minute.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil