

Draft North District Plan

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Submission content: The unrestrained expansion of building and population growth is threatening the quality way of life in Sydney which once made it a desirable place to live on. The insatiable appetite for profits and easy economic growth has seen the destruction and reduction of vital green space and the spread of high density living, low cost residential buildings and towers in many suburbs which will turn regrettably into future ghettos. Dee Why is a sad example of this trend. This is particularly evident during the last decade. We certainly do not wish for this any further in our northern beaches area. Sydney roads and transport cannot cope with this increased level of density and population spread throughout its suburban areas. Critically , Sydney sides are all suffering from the density and congestion. Our roads on the northern beaches have become more and more congested . Creating bigger centres throughout Sydney will only increase density and congestion . The government's plan to increase Sydney's population is simply disastrous . It will lead to more stress, pollution and a decline of the quality of life in Sydney. Hard to believe but, Developers are in charge of the Urban development Institute of Australia . A nice sounding title for a special lobby of vested interests <http://www.udiansw.com.au/> Developers (and other related interested parties like engineers, lawyers) advise government on the future

planning of our cities . This seems like conflict of interest. How has that been allowed!? Currently , their buzz slogan on their website is "affordable housing ". This is what government is now repeating to us. This means the developers can use that as a reason to build more cheap apartment blocks which ruin the quality of our suburbs . Their reason is the "housing crisis shortage ". This housing shortage is created by increased population in our cities due mostly to high immigration . The government feeds the housing shortage with their policy of high levels of migrants . This is unsustainable in in already packed cities like Sydney. Stop or reduce high immigration, problem solved. This looks like a system designed to feed the developers 's insatiable drive for profits growth. Let us not destroy Sydney further and make life more untenable for its residents . We need leadership and a master vision for the future, We do not need to grow Sydney ' population further, there is already too many people here . Let us not ruin irreversibly and any further our way of life. Particularly in the northern suburbs district which is still leafy and still has a reasonably good quality of life. If government wants to rely as it does for immigration for economic growth , we will not be able to just remain a country of just a few mega cites Government should be asking developers to build new green cities. We have thousands of miles of empty coast line and empty interior land. They can invest some of their profits they have made in building non stop in our cities, and build new infrastructure and new cities. The government could resettle new migrants there. It would create jobs and provide much needed decentralisation. We could build fast trains to link all cities. Most modern western economies have the bullet trains network. Efficient, fast, allows people to live in peaceful places away from high city density . We urgently need to move away from short term fixes, and implement a vision for a truly better life for all .