

Draft Greater Sydney Region Plan

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Submission content: I am making an objection to the proposed Outer Sydney Orbital. The proposal for the construction for the Outer Sydney Orbital within the draft plans for the Sydney region will effect Cobbitty village. The proposed rail and highway is shown as having a route south from the new Badgery's Creek Airport to Illawarra. My understanding is a corridor running from Gosford in the North is proposed now with hopes of securing the land for future development or transport routes. I object to this proposal on many grounds. I feel as a resident I was not given access to this planning information which directly affects me. Information was not forwarded to the residents of Cobbitty for comment. I received this information about the proposal from a friend. I am a long term resident (30years) of Cobbitty Village and live within 500 metres of this proposed route. My other objections to this proposed Outer Sydney Orbital are: Environmental. I have seen the surrounding rural lands eaten up by housing developments and roads in the last few years. This district has the highest growth rate for population and housing in NSW. Native flora, fauna and the endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland have all but disappeared. The local river, the Nepean is polluted and under stress from all the construction and increased density housing. Air quality in this area is routinely shown as poor in this area on the Real-time Air Quality Index

(AQI). Cobbitty is also not sewerred and has serious run off storm waters problems. This is also a catchment area for the Warragamba Dam. I would like to see the environmental impact statement for this proposal. Historic. Cobbitty has a long history associated with the Macarthurs and has several buildings of historical significance including Wivenhoe (1812), Macquarie Grove (1812) and Denbeigh (1815). St Pauls church and associated Heber Chapel (1828) are less than a kilometer from the proposed Orbital. Cultural and social. Cobbitty remains one of the only villages retaining it's original character in an area where bland and depressingly uniform housing estates now dominate the landscape. Cobbitty village has a local village shop which is the hub of the area. behind the shop is the convict built Chalkers' Coolroom. The oldest building in Cobbitty and listed on the heritage registers. This shop and building stand less than 300 meters from the proposed Orbital. Cobbitty village also has a rural fire unit, a monthly market within the school grounds which attracts visitors from many areas. The school is less than 2 kilometers from the proposed Orbital. Financial. I live next door to the shop, therefore about 500 metres from the proposed Orbital. This proposal directly affects my personal future plans, the worth of my current property and my ability to possibly sell, develop, build or rebuild on my land with any confidence knowing this proposal is on the table. I would like to be kept informed of any information regarding this proposal in future. Felicity Burke Cobbitty NSW 2570