

Draft Eastern District Plan

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Submission content: I am writing to you as an established local resident who is concerned about: - the consultation process regarding the District draft plan for Earlwood and the Eastern City District draft plan for Bardwell Park & Turrella; and - the planned development which will have a major negative impact on Earlwood, Bardwell Park and Turella. Key points of value in the area at the moment are: - the bushland, birds and wildlife in the area (including the Woli Creek Valley Regional Park) and associated wetlands in Bardwell Valley Parklands -open space, walks, rivers and creeks - the community nature of the suburb which is supported by local shops where residents are on a first name basis with services in the area I am concerned that the planning proposed is going to destroy the social and community value in the area. My view is that the proposed development is entirely unacceptable; it will change the character and features of the area and will destroy its current heritage. The proposed development for urban renewal in the District plan will: - impact severely on traffic in the area - due to only one road in and out of the Earlwood, Bardwell Park area. There is already traffic congestion and bottle necks every day of the week at peak times of day - create pressure on services and existing infrastructure which has not been designed for the massive population increase that is planned - impact on wildlife, wetlands and rare

bushland within Sydney metropolitan area from increased density, waste, pollution and intense use of the area - impact on the community; forcing residents to move away. Those who have to move away will be displaced from lifelong associations with the area. - change the nature and character of the area; and change the standard of living in the area. -increase the propensity of the area to suffer flooding; there is already flooding in the area (creeks, homes and the railway station) The proposal: - does not take into account the topography of the area; there is a sandstone cliff face in Earlwood, several creeks and natural topography which limits options for infrastructure - does not provide infrastructure or community services for the planned increase in families with primary-aged children and people aged over 65 years in the two Districts; this will create stress on current social services which are provided by the local council and community and not for profits - has housing projections which are unrealistic: the combined targets for Canterbury City Council and Bayside Council over the next five years is 23,400 homes . There is not logical rationale for the projections; why has this figure been developed for these tiny suburbs? The scale of the increase is out of all proportion to the size and scale of the suburb. I ask you to create planning that: - has meaningful proper community consultation - is citizen focused and takes into account community needs - retains the social value and character of existing suburbs rather than destroying it -retains green space, wetlands, creeks and wildlife which is invaluable in our urban environment - creates realistic planning targets which are accompanied by social infrastructure and community services - create change with traffic and infrastructure thought through rather than creating problems I look forward to your response to this submission, being involved in your consultation and creating community centered planning to maintain social value.