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19 April 2015,
Mr Marcus Ray,
Deputy Secretary,
Planning Services,
Department of Planning & Environment,

Dear Mr Ray,

Oxford Falls Valley and Belrose North Strategic Review, Warringah

Thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2015. Your letter addresses some of the issues raised. I have outlined below what we see as critical issues that require a formal response from the Department of Planning:

- 1) Will any land in the deferred area, that is of low to moderate environmental value be allowed to be zoned an environmental zone by the Department of Planning?
- 2) What scientific evidence will be required in order to justify zoning land as an environmental zone?
- 3) Is the Department of Planning of the view that evidence has been provided that justifies zoning any land in the deferred area as an environmental zone? If so can you please provide a copy of this evidence?
- 4) If owners of land in the deferred area have had independent reports produced by environmental experts stating that their land is of low to moderate environmental value, does this mean the Department of Planning will ensure that the said land will not be zoned an environmental zone?
- 5) Will land in the deferred area, that is currently zoned to include Seniors living as an allowable use under current zoning be allowed to be zoned an Environmental zone by the Department of Planning (thereby extinguishing the ability to have Seniors living)?
- 6) We note that Helen Wilkins currently works for the Department of Planning. Helen Wilkins was a Warringah Councillor from 2008 to 2012. During her time on Warringah Council, Helen Wilkins voiced strong views that the whole deferred area should be zoned E3. Helen Wilkins is currently the registered officer for the "Your Warringah" political party. The Your Warringah political party currently hold 6 of the 10 Councillor positions (including the Mayoral position) on Warringah Council. We seek your assurance that Helen Wilkins has had no involvement or influence over the Strategic Review, and that she will continue to have no involvement or influence over the Strategic Review, or any subsequent planning proposal determination.

7) I have made a GIPA request to Warringah Council for all documents and correspondence relating to the Strategic Review. Warringah Council originally provided 30 documents in response to the GIPA request. On my insistence there were more documents that had not been provided, Warringah Council provided a further 60 documents. Upon further insistence that there are many more documents, Warringah Council have now found in excess of 1500 documents relating to my original request. Warringah Council have stated they plan to charge me in excess of \$1,500 for the supply of this information. This unwillingness of Warringah Council to provide documents relating to the strategic review is a bad sign for openness in the Strategic review process for which the Department of Planning is a partner. I ask that the Department of Planning either pay the required fee for the documents to be released, or encourage Warringah council to release the documents free of charge.

I look forward to your response to these issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Holman', written in a cursive style.

John Holman

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cc Minister Rob Stokes (Minister for Planning), Minister Brad Hazard (Member for Wakehurst), Jonathon O'dea (Member for Davidson), Carolyn McNally (Secretary Department of Planning)