



## Planning & Environment

Ms Mary-Lynne Taylor  
Chair  
Sydney West Joint Regional Planning Panel  
Regional Panels Secretariat  
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Dear Ms Taylor

Thank you for your letter concerning a proposed residential development at 9 Terry Road, Rouse Hill. The Secretary has asked me to reply on her behalf.

The site is located within the Area 20 Precinct in the North West Growth Centre. The land was rezoned Medium Density Residential in 2011 as part of the Area 20 Precinct Plan. The Indicative Layout Plan (which is part of the Development Control Plan) identifies the site as a potential school, but the site was not zoned specifically for a school, on advice from the Department of Education and Communities.

The Panel's request for advice on whether the subject site is required for a school is best answered by the Department of Education and Communities. Both Blacktown City Council and the Department of Planning and Environment have consulted with the Department of Education and Communities in relation to the proposed residential development. I understand it is the position of the Department of Education and Communities that it has no intention to acquire the site or develop a school on the land in the short term because other schools in the area have capacity for growth.

The Department has no comment in relation to the residential development proposal. You may be aware that proposed amendments affecting parts of the Area 20 Precinct are now on public exhibition. These amendments do not relate to the subject property.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Paul Robilliard, Director Housing Land Release, on (02) 9860 1512.

Yours sincerely

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Acting Deputy Secretary  
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