The Hon Paul Scully MP

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces



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Mr Ian Williams Company Secretary Vimiera Recreation Grounds

Dear Mr Morris and Mr Williams

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of North Ryde RSL Community Club and Eastwood Rugby Club about TG Millner Field in Marsfield.

I am advised City of Ryde Council is currently assessing the planning proposal to rezone the site from RE2 Private Recreation to Part R2 Low Density Residential and Part RE1 Public Recreation.

If Council supports the planning proposal and it proceeds to a Gateway determination, the Department will assess the proposal in accordance with the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. If Council does not support the rezoning proposal within the required timeframes, a rezoning review can be sought.

I would re-emphasise that both the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and I have written to the Council on several occasions outlining the position on this matter. You have been provided with copies of this correspondence. Neither my nor the Department's position has altered.

I note your comments about the implications of the Council's intent to acquire the land and its impact on Council's broader financial position, as well as obligations for infrastructure delivery. The decision to authorise the acquisition of the land is ultimately a matter for the Minister for Local Government. I note that you have copied Minister Hoenig in on your correspondence and I understand that he in turn is seeking advice from the Office of Local Government on the matter.

I am further advised that as of the end of February 2025, the Office of Local Government had not received a request from the Council for the authorisation of a compulsory acquisition.

Should you have any further questions, Jazmin van Veen, Director, Local Planning (North, East and Central Coast), at the Department can be contacted on 02 9373 2877 or at jazmin.vanveen@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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