

Appin (Developer: Walker Corporation): 1,284-hectare site for over 12,000 homes.PP-2022 3979

I object to the proposal that will turn the village of Appin into a continuation of the urban sprawl, endangering the lives of residents from air pollution and heat and it being without any extra infrastructure being supplied before development commences.

Just how much more do a village and environment have to suffer?

The village has already been suffering from dust from the South 32 Emplacement Area and the residents should not be expected to have their lives endangered by further air pollution from vehicles entering and leaving new developments.

A high number of koalas have been found in the village and the proposed Georges River Koala Park finishes at a dead end that runs into a private property where dogs and vehicles may render their movement to the south a danger any extra development will further endanger the koala population.

Unless the government is prepared to purchase and fence private homes along the river koalas will continue to wander through the village and get killed on roads

This development is part of the Cumberland Plain Conservation Area and a wider survey should have been undertaken to ensure that threatened flora, fauna and runoff will not affect the quality and quantity of water entering both the Nepean and Georges Rivers or the habitat of native species living or moving through the rivers gorges or catchments.

The Georges River should not be expected to absorb extra contaminated water from development as for the past twenty years it has had to deal with pollution from the South 32 mine and emplacement areas (the government has the reports supplied to NPWS by South 32 at meetings which my husband and I have attended since the early 2000s and I should not need to attach them)



Photographs: Dust from coal reject and the Georges River after mining

The Georges River was a clean running river, but now it is little more than a drain the Platypus and native fish have disappeared and weeds from the village can be seen growing along its banks.

Flooding is running off new developments and into both the Georges and Nepean Rivers, Kennedy Creek runs into the Georges River



**Appin Village** Statement from a resident: The water from Kennedy Creek rose to a level that I've never seen before, right to the edge of our place which has been there for over 30 years. This was always a dry creek bed given we have been here for over 60 years. Took our fences with it which were concreted deeply into the ground & the torrent of water left behind rubbish which we identified as coming from Appin Rise off the main road of Appin. Of course, WSC has brushed it off as a one-in-whatever-year event, but I don't think so!

Mining also affected the Nepean River and creeks running into the river from the western side of Appin Village, homes were damaged and some had to be demolished.

It has been suggested that the Southern Orbital Road will run along the Appin Bulli Road but there are no plans completed or date for this to happen and in the meantime, all vehicles leaving the new development areas will need to travel through the village via the Appin Campbelltown Road and until this road is upgraded it cannot be expected to deal with this extra traffic and development from Mount Gilead along the western side of the road.

Even before the Spring Farm Link Road is completed it will not be able to cope with the extra development included within the Greater Macarthur Growth Plan and Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan or extra trucks moving from the docks at Port Kembla to the Intermodal at Liverpool or Badgerys Creek airport.

The high number of Critically Endangered, Endangered, Threatened and Vulnerable species now found on Mount Gilead should be a red flag to development as both regions share the same ridge line and the Nepean River and before any development is considered along this stretch of the river and between the Georges and Nepean Rivers honest and scientific studies should be undertaken.

The Aboriginal heritage of the massacre site has recently been entered into the NSW Heritage Register and the heritage value of Tetston Farm should be protected because of its Aboriginal and European heritage as this is the property where Aboriginal men were hung as a warning to other local people.

There are no plans for any new schools soon, any children who move into the new developments will find it difficult to find a high school they can attend and more and more parents are now going without basic needs to send their children to private schools in both Campbelltown and Appin but even these schools are only selecting children who fit with their profile.

Drinking water supplies are a concern as according to NSW Water each new home will require 900 litres of water per day which equates to 42,000 homes along Appin Road requiring 37,800,000 per day or

13,797,000,00 per year and as the Cataract Dam stopped delivering water to the system and water had to be pumped to the Campbelltown Macarthur region from the Shoalhaven River during the drought how does the government intend to ensure residents have sufficient water when the next drought occurs?

Any person requiring an Ambulance in the event of a heart attack or any similar urgent case will have to wait at least another 30 minutes extra as the vehicle negotiates its way around new roundabouts and traffic lights along Appin Campbelltown Road, this could be a matter of life or death.

Bushfire is a serious threat, this photograph was taken in Wedderburn during the last fires which burnt from Appin to Helensburg in four hours were it destroyed homes, property was also damaged in Wedderburn and Appin,

SES and the Police do not have enough staff to cope with the massive increase in population that is planned for Appin and along the Appin Road



See attachment regarding flooding





Runoff from **Mt Gilead** to Noorumba Reserve, Menangle Creek & Nepean River 8th March 2022 and 23rd May 2022



**Menangle Park** with flood indicator sign outside the entrance of the development . The road that which originally lead into the estate has been eliminated and the development re contoured to I assume to try to stop flooding April 2022



**Camden** 1977 & 1988 I spoke to two business people one in the middle of the main street said he could not obtain flood insurance and another whose premises were flooded this month said he would claim this time but he doubted he would be able to afford insurance next year and also said that the floods in 1956 were much worse Homes were also flooded



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**Menangle** This photograph supplied by Sue Gay says it all and does not need an explanation

