

Update No. 13 – 26th January 2019 – What's the latest!

Dear Members and Volunteers - Here is the latest update to keep you informed about our fight against the building of a Western Sydney Airport.

What's coming up!**Don't Mess With The West Rally**

This is the next in a series of Rallies co-ordinated by the Penrith Valley Community Unions which provide the opportunity for different local groups to get their message across to Governments by combining into a rally event.

At previous rallies, the RAWSA message has played an important part and again I would encourage members and volunteers to turn up in numbers to put up a good show. Bring your tee-shirts and signs to provide good representation of our airport issues.

DON'T MESS WITH THE WEST**Community voices stand together****RALLY AND MARCH**

Saturday 16 February 2019 from 1pm – 3 pm
The Mondo, outside Penrith City Library, 601 High Street Penrith

**RAWSA Membership Renewals**

It is that time of the year for the membership renewal notices to be sent out. These will be issued in February and as previously, please don't be offended by the upfront nature of the Invoice system we use – it does not allow the inclusion of a polite text. With the Govt's

efforts to mislead people that the building of the airport proper has commenced, it is vitally important that we are able to show continuing strong RAWSA membership numbers. We therefore ask that you renew your membership again this year. It is only \$10 and these funds are desperately needed to continue the fight with the production of leaflets, stickers and banners etc.

Renewal can be done through: <http://www.birdsnotboeings.com/join-rawsa.html> . Please ensure you include your name and address details. Thank you to those who have already paid for 2019.

RAWSA Annual General Meeting

The AGM is to be held on Sunday 3rd March at the Sharon Burridge Hall, Short Street, Blaxland. The AGM will commence at 2pm and will last for no more than 90 minutes.

NSW State Election

To be held on Saturday March 23rd, this is the next major chance to give politicians a clear message about our disgust with plans to build a Western Sydney Airport. There is about 30% of voters who are encrusted to the Liberal Party and about 30% who are rusted on to the Labor Party. That leaves about 40% of voters who can really make a difference at the election.

By next Newsletter RAWSA hopes to have all local Candidates answer one simple question – “Do you support or oppose the building of an airport in Western Sydney?” The next Newsletter will be issued before the election and will show each candidates position on WSA. In the meantime – if you come across any Candidates in your travels, could I encourage you to ask them the following questions:

1. Do you support the building of WSA?
2. Do you support the 24 hour operation of the proposed WSA?
3. Do you think it is fair that Flight Path design won't be released until after airport is built?
4. What are you prepared to do to stop FOWSA meeting in secret & open it up to public scrutiny?

NSW Department of Planning Proposal

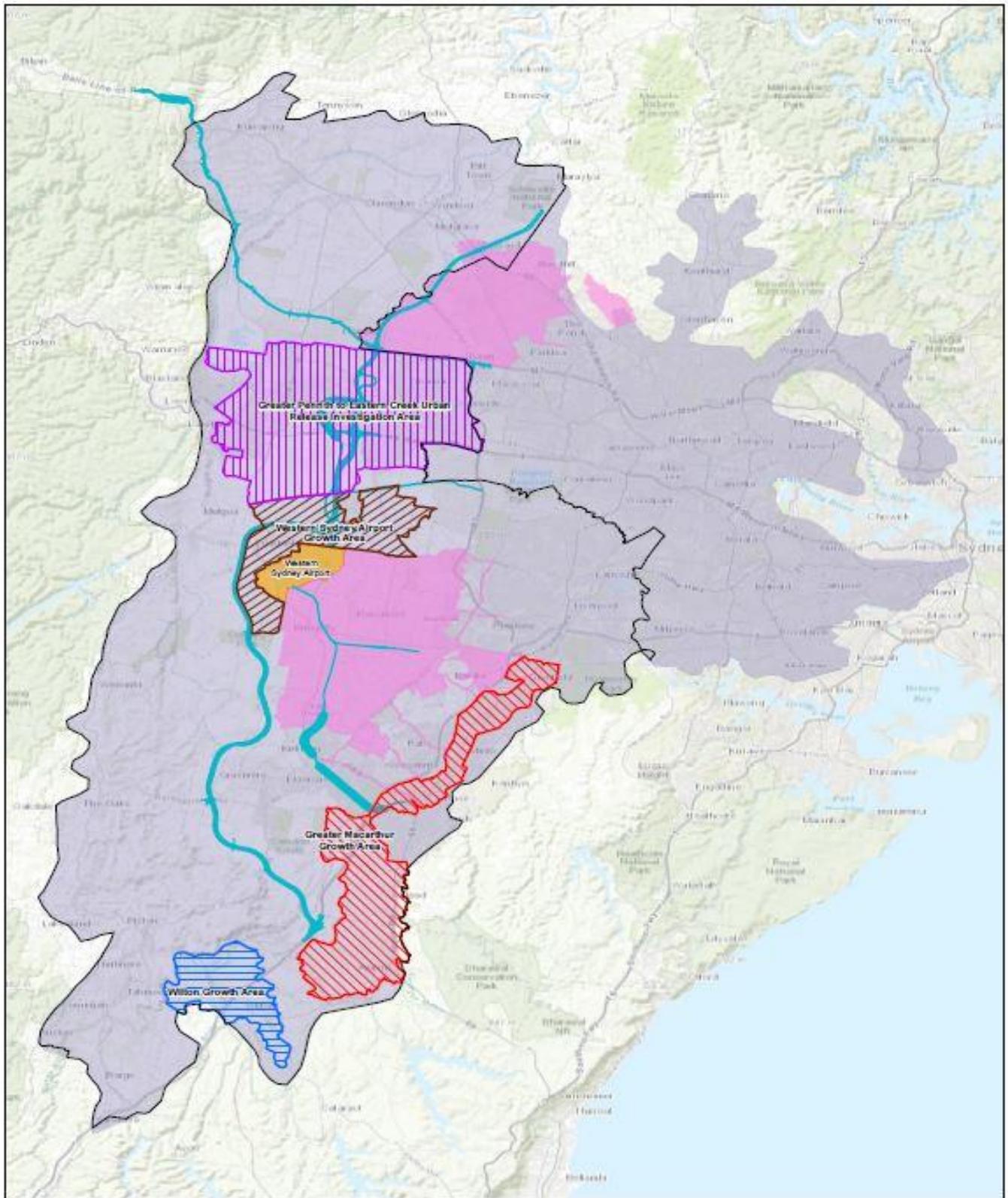
The proposal to have an Airport in Western Sydney is an alarming enough concept, but add to that, a NSW Dept. of Planning idea to develop huge tracts of greenspace in Western and South-western Sydney.

Under the misleading title of “**Cumberland Plain Conservation Plan**” the NSW government is proposing massive new developments in the Penrith to Erskine Creek, Penrith to Luddenham, Macarthur and Wilton areas.

This plan has got nothing to do with “**conservation**”!

It is clearly all about more people, more houses, more traffic, more pollution and more adverse health and lifestyle impacts. A larger map has been attached to the Newsletter email or at:

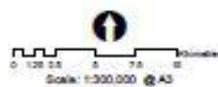
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Legend

- IBRA Cumberland Subregion
- Greater Penrith to Eastern Creek Urban Release Investigation Area
- Proposed Strategic Assessment - Urban Development in new Growth Areas including Transport Corridors**
- Study Area
- Greater Macarthur Growth Area
- Wilson Growth Area
- Western Sydney Airport Growth Area
- Exhibited Transport Corridors
- Approved Strategic Assessment**
- Approved Growth Centre Strategic Assessment Area

Strategic Assessment Area
Development Areas including Transport Corridors



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[Jobs for the West Working Group](#)

Advice has been received from the Working Group that briefings on its Report, which provides High Speed Rail as an alternative to WSA, have now been provided to:

- Some NSW Labor M.P.s
- NSW Greens Members of the Parliament,
- Climate Council of Australia,
- Werrington Local Labor Branch meeting, and this week to;
- The President and National Co-ordinator of the Sustainable Australia Party.

A briefing offer has been made to Liberal Parliamentary Members, as yet nothing has come of the offer.

[Community Survey](#)

The Labor Party have issued an invitation to community members to fill in an on-line survey as they **“want to hear from you to make sure we fight for issues that are important to you”**.

The survey is accessed at:

https://www.nswlabor.org.au/2019_online_survey?utm_campaign=140119_surveyresult&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nswlabor

Although it is one of those surveys that tries to push you into their line of thinking, there is a number of free text options in which you can let them know about your disgust with their support of a Western Sydney Airport. It only takes a few minutes so I would encourage you to do the survey, taking every opportunity within it to express anti-airport views.

It is another way of informing politicians about important community issues such as WSA.

[WSA Senate Estimates Committee Enquiry](#)

Also included as an attachment to the Newsletter email is a document showing answers by the Dept. of Infrastructure to questions raised by Greens Senator Mehreen Faruqi. The document is too large to include in the body of the Newsletter, but it is attached for your information.

Our sincere thanks goes to Senator Faruqi for posing the questions.

Till next time – stay safe and keep fighting the cause.

Regards, Trevor Neal
For and on behalf of the
RAWSA management committee