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Hi Marion,

Response from staff. I will monitor this as it progresses

In response to the email raising concerns about the Link Road planning proposal I advise the following:

Lake Macquarie City needs to plan for housing to meet the needs of our growing population. Our Local Strategic Planning Statement and Local Housing Strategy set the broad direction for future growth and aim to strike a balance between our natural environment, our need for great places to live and visit, smart transport options and a thriving economy that adapts and strives to be fair to all. A planning proposal is the first step to consider how the natural environment and urban development can be balanced on this site.

This large site is located partly within the Lake Macquarie local government area and partly within the Newcastle local government area. It is identified within the Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan as well as each council's Local Strategic Planning Statement for investigation as a housing release area. Through the planning proposal process Lake Macquarie Council is working with the City of Newcastle and the NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment to consider biodiversity and a range of other site specific planning issues. This process will determine the appropriate mix of urban development and natural environment areas on this site. Extensive site investigations including flora and fauna surveys have been undertaken to inform this work.

An opportunity for the community to review and comment on the planning proposal (including final site investigation studies) will be available during the public exhibition stage of the rezoning process.

Regards,

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