



MEDIA RELEASE

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Statement from the three major landowners in the Wilton Priority Growth Area, Bradcorp, Governor's Hill and Walker Corp

The landowners welcome the release of the Wilton New Town Advocacy Paper and reaffirm our strong commitment to working collaboratively with the council, community and State Government to ensure Wilton New Town is the great new town everyone wants it to be.

We wholeheartedly agree that Wilton New Town needs to be supported by significant investment in key infrastructure including public transport and roads, new schools, access to health services and plenty of jobs and we have advocated this view for many years.

With a project of such scale we would expect the council and community to want assurances that essential infrastructure and amenity are properly considered and that is why we have worked tirelessly over many years to ensure our plans will make for a self-supporting garden city providing homes, employment and facilities that represent the very best town planning and place-making principles.

As part of this strong commitment, more than \$500 million will be invested into the new community to fund essential infrastructure. This will comprise \$178 million for State infrastructure, including major road upgrades, a public transport interchange, bus-only roads, two new public primary schools, a new public K-12 school, a private K-12 school site, local playing fields and a recreational lake. In addition, around \$350 million will be invested into local infrastructure including local roads and parks, community facilities, and a local aquatic centre.

We agree with council about the need for a coordinated approach and can today confirm the appointment of experienced strategic and statutory planner Robert Bennett from Elton Consulting as independent coordinator to work closely with the council on behalf of the land owners. He has sought a meeting with the council to continue the collaborative work on the new town.

The declaration by the State Government of Wilton New Town being within a new priority growth area recognises the area's great potential and we strongly agree with the council that best practice design and infrastructure delivery are essential for achieving a healthy, vibrant and sustainable new community.

This is an incremental process that we have considered and planned for, having consulted widely with the community and council. We will continue the consultation process so that the community can feel confident that Wilton New Town will deliver on the vision promised as well as preserving the natural beauty of this region.

We believe our plans for Wilton New Town align closely with those of the council and community, particularly around jobs and economic development, housing diversity, infrastructure, community and the environment. The vision includes:

Local Jobs and Economic Development

- 11,000 permanent jobs in retail, education, healthcare, social assistance and public administration
- 1,700 construction jobs for 30 years

- 200 hectares of town centre and enterprise lands, together with commercial retail and community floor space
- Supermarkets, discount department stores and neighbourhood retail centres
- \$7b investment in Wollondilly over 30 years.

Housing Diversity

- 12,000 houses across the site
- Housing diversity, from first home buyers to retirees
- Detached housing on a range of lot sizes, townhouses, villas, apartments and shop-tops
- A focus on affordable housing – meeting the needs of the region.

Connectivity

- Fibre connection to the National Broadband Network
- “Work from home” and remote access to services.

Environment and Wellbeing

- Harmony with the existing natural environment
- Healthy by design principles
- 100kms of walking and cycling trails, almost half of which will be through open space and conservation lands
- Conserve ecological features and biodiversity
- Rehabilitate and retain 620ha of bushland
- Preservation of Aboriginal and early Australian heritage.

Health and Education

- Two primary schools
- One public K-12
- One private K-12
- 4 Childcare centres
- Space for medical practitioners and allied health services.

Community

- Neighbourhood: the heart of every community
- Neighbourhoods will be connected and accessible by foot, cycle and public transport
- Multi-function lake and aquatic facilities
- Leisure centre, sports fields and recreation centres
- Library and community centre.

Transport and Infrastructure

- \$178.5m for State roads, transport and social infrastructure
- Upgrade to Hume Highway and Picton Road Interchange
- Upgrade of Picton Road
- New public transport interchange in the town centre and associated park n ride facilities.
- Retention of a heavy rail corridor for future Government-funded rail line