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The Hon Paul Scully MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces
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Dear Minister

NSW HOUSING CRISIS

I refer to your media announcement on 7 December 2023 relating to the NSW housing crisis.

At its meeting on 6 December 2023 Council resolved that I write to you to express concern about your "snap rezone" announcement for the areas within a 400m radius of Berala and Lidcombe railway stations, to make residential flat buildings permissible in the residential zones.

The Cumberland Local Housing Strategy identifies the need for an additional 28,000 dwellings between 2016-2036, with over 24,000 of these additional dwellings able to be provided through current planning controls, and the remaining additional dwellings being considered through strategic planning work at key centres and corridors.

The absolute statement that the locations of Berala and Lidcombe can accommodate new homes within the existing enabling infrastructure overlooks the communal needs and daily challenges which confront the residents of these areas and their surrounds.

Further, I note that Council is already well-advanced in meeting the government's housing targets through its existing workplan.

An opportunity to discuss these issues with you at an early time would be greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Clr Lisa Lake
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