

QUESTION ON NOTICE BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

AIR SERVICES SITE AT CRANEBROOK

QUESTION NO: 96

- a) Given that NSW Department of Environment and Conservation has written to Penrith Council saying it considers the Cranebrook Air Services site has 'Outstanding Conservation Value', what measures is the Department of Planning instigating to ensure these values are protected?
- b) Has there been any correspondence between the Department of Planning and DEC on this site? If so, will it be tabled?
- c) The developers IFC Capital Limited have lodged an application with Penrith Council to rezone land from Special Uses to Residential. Would approval of the rezoning threaten the environmental values of the site? If the approval is approved, would conditions would be attached to the approval?

ANSWER

- a) Any proposal to rezone land for residential purposes will need to address the Sustainability Criteria contained in the Metropolitan Strategy. In relation to the North Cranebrook site, the 'Maintain and Improve' component of Part 7 Environmental Protection is designed to ensure that any new development protects and enhances biodiversity, air quality, heritage and waterway health. The Department of Planning has advised IFC that DEC will need to be involved in both the biodiversity assessment and Aboriginal heritage assessment of the site.
- b) No formal correspondence has been exchanged between the Department of Planning and DEC.
- c) To date the Department of Planning has not received from Council any notification of a rezoning proposal for the IFC Cranebrook site under Section 54 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.