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NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Mr Brown

I refer to your letter to the Hon Frank Sartor MP, Minister for Planning, concerning the former Air Services Australia land at Cranebrook. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

The Department has received a request to consider this site for inclusion on the Metropolitan Development Program (MDP), which identifies land for future urban growth within Sydney. This matter is currently under consideration.

The Department is aware of the environmental values of the site. Any decision on listing of this site on the MDP will give consideration to the Sustainability Criteria set out in the Metropolitan Strategy, to the Department of Environment and Climate Change's assessment of the site as well as environmental constraints. The Department is working closely with the Department of Environment and Climate Change and Penrith City Council on this matter.

There are no plans to over ride Council's planning powers with regards to this site. It is Government policy that any land release site is listed on the MDP prior to a council commencing preparation of a local environmental plan process for such a site.

I trust that this letter allays the concerns highlighted in your letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Whan'.

Steve Whan MP
Parliamentary Secretary