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MAYOR LAXALE CALLS FOR MORE ACTION ON SCHOOLS

The City of Ryde Council welcomes the recent announcement of a new Primary School to be built on the former Ryde High School site. However, Mayor Laxale called for more action to be taken.

“The State Government’s own modelling shows that on the Herring Road Urban Activation Precinct alone, Ryde will require three new primary schools and one new high school.

“One new primary school is just a drop in the ocean compared to what is needed when you factor in the number of new dwellings to be built across the city” said Councillor Laxale.

“Ryde Council remains ready to work with the NSW government to ensure enough schools are built to keep up with the growth in our area” he said.

The State Government’s Growth Centres Commission has indicated that an additional Primary School is required for every 1500 dwellings and an additional High School is required for every 4500 dwellings. Based on these benchmarks, the Herring Road Urban Activation Precinct alone will require the delivery of three additional Primary Schools and an additional High School.

While these benchmarks were developed for ‘new release areas’ and the existing school vacancies need to be taken into account, given the majority of local schools in the City of Ryde are at or near capacity, Council remains concerned that education infrastructure will not meet the demand anticipated as a result of significant growth across the City of Ryde.

The Mayor also repeated calls for the State Government to match the \$10million in Council funding that the City of Ryde has committed towards the upgrade of regional roads intersections, and to establish a Special Infrastructure Contribution to fund regional infrastructure in the Macquarie Park Corridor.

“Work is well underway in the North Ryde Station Precinct and Council is expecting the State Government to proceed with the Herring Road Precinct in the near future, so the need for adequate regional infrastructure funding is critical.”

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