



## MM2/25 UPDATE ON TG MILLNER FOLLOWING DECISION BY HOUSING DELIVERY AUTHORITY - Mayor Trenton Brown

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This Mayoral Minute provides a significant update for the City of Ryde community regarding 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield, also known as TG Millner Fields. The NSW State Government recently established the NSW Housing Delivery Authority (HDA), providing opportunities for developers to seek to fast track the lodgement and subsequent assessment of major housing developments.

On 7 February 2025, the HDA made the decision not to declare TG Millner Fields a State Significant Development. Instead, they recommended that the applicant continue pursuing alternative pathways, including working with the City of Ryde, which could include rezoning to RE1 for public recreation use.

Council welcomes this decision by the HDA and will continue advocating for the protection and compulsory acquisition of this essential active recreation space for the community of Ryde. Council's 2023 Sports Field Action Plan identified the need for the equivalent of an additional 15 natural turf sporting fields to retain the existing provision of active recreation space for the future community. Further demand for open space created by the Macquarie Park Transport Oriented Development Rezoning means that up to a further 6 sporting fields are required. This means to retain the current provision rate, our City needs a total of up to 21 new sporting fields over the next 15 years.

The City of Ryde staff are preparing a report for the Ryde Local Planning Panel, after the current owners resubmitted plans for a housing development, which was previously determined by the Ryde Local Planning Panel meeting (LPP), administered by the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI) to have a lack of strategic merit when initially lodged in 2022.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council notes the decision by the NSW State Government's Housing Delivery Authority and reaffirms its' position to protect TG Millner as essential public open space, to meet the active recreation needs of the community.
- (b) That Council continues to progress the compulsory acquisition of the TG Millner Fields, being the property at 146 Vimiera Road, Marsfield. The funding amounts allocated and source to be as resolved by Council at its meeting of 10 December 2024.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

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Council, submitted on 25 February 2025.