

## Attachment 1 – Transport Oriented Development Key Dates

09 November 2023 – Letter received from Minister re: National Housing Accord and each Council’s role to deliver housing.

21 November 2023 – Unanimous Council resolution to write to the Planning Minister re: concerns.

23 November 2023 – Letter from Mayor to Planning Minister seeking a discussion re: Housing.

27 November 2023 – Official response from Planning Minister saying he is open to a meeting. Meeting is set to 15 February 2024, but later postponed by the Minister to 29 February 2024.

28 November 2023 – State Government media release “New planning rules to fast track low and mid rise housing”

05 December 2023 – High level Transport Oriented Development (TOD) information accidentally published on Department of Planning website before being unpublished moments later. Reported by ABC and SMH.

12 December 2023 – Ordinary Meeting of Council. TOD details were not yet available on Department of Planning website, and Council was awaiting details.

18 December 2023 – TOD program documentation released on Department of Planning website.

16 January 2024 – Department of Planning met with and briefed Council staff on the details of the TOD program. Ku-ring-gai staff were the second of fourteen councils to be briefed.

24 January 2024 – Department met with and briefed Councillors for 30 minutes on the details of the TOD program. Ku-ring-gai was the first of thirteen councils to be briefed.

05 February 2024 – Extraordinary Meeting of Council where Council unanimously rejected the State Government’s planning controls in their proposed form. It should be noted that Crs Spencer and Pettett were not available at this meeting.

15 February 2024 – Extraordinary meeting of NSROC. At this meeting Councillors and Mayors expressed the preference to be provided a housing target and allow for each Council to update their own Local Environment Plan (LEP) to meet the target.

29 February 2024 – First meeting with Planning Minister, Department staff, Mayor Ngai, and Council staff. Key points were that:

- Specific targets for the four precincts (Gordon, Killara, Lindfield, Roseville) were not yet available.
- Robust cabinet-in-confidence modelling behind the scenes. The modelling indicates that only Gordon, Killara, Lindfield and Roseville meet the criteria and that the other stations do not.
- No funding committed to improve known local infrastructure issues.
- Planning Minister offered a deferred commencement of 6 months for *some* of these precincts, but required that others must commence April 2024. The Mayor and Council staff indicated that 6 months may not be sufficient to conduct capacity studies, properly draw up a new LEP, and consult the community. The preference was for 12 months deferred commencement to conduct proper planning with an accelerated timeline.
- Planning Minister told the Mayor that he will meet with him again next week.

It is noted that other TOD-affected Councils likely had their meetings with the Planning Minister after 29 February, at which point the pragmatics of a 9-15 month deferred commencement may have gained traction. However the Department did not loop back to Ku-ring-gai to offer similar terms.

01 March 2024 – Department delivered targets to Council staff over the phone. 4,500 – 5,000 in each precinct with the ability to do minor shuffles between precincts (e.g. 4,000 Killara, 6,000 Gordon). Deferred commencement 6 months only and not available for all four stations. No housing targets were provided for the wider Local Government Area (LGA).

04 March 2024 – Councillors discussed TOD options at a planning workshop.

07 March 2024 – Second meeting with Planning Minister was intended for this day, but the Mayor was subsequently told that he was no longer invited.

25 March 2024 – Extraordinary Meeting of Council. Council staff proposed a new LEP for the entire LGA, but Councillors wanted LGA-targets before updating the LEP for the LGA.

11 April 2024 – Letter from Minister Scully to council responding to concerns about Heritage, Traffic and Tree Canopy.

12 April 2024 – State Government media release '12 out of the 13 local government areas have engaged with the DPHI to develop housing plans that deliver greater or equal housing numbers than would be required by the original TOD SEPP'. Calendar for 37 precincts also released.

12 April 2024 – Mayor Ngai issued a letter to Minister Scully, saying that he had always been willing to engage with DPHI but that he was still awaiting the second meeting (originally scheduled 07 March).

29 April 2024 – Gazettal of TOD Provisions in the Housing SEPP.

30 April 2024 – Draft TOD maps released.

02 May 2024 – Second meeting with Planning Minister.

- Mayor indicated that residents had requested potential legal action in the absence of the opportunity to properly plan and fund the precincts.
- Mayor sought 12 months deferred commencement (this time in line with similar dates offered to other councils) but this was not accepted. Minister indicated that TOD controls will be lifted once an LEP which matched or exceeds is delivered.
- Minister did not commit any funding to improve local infrastructure issues.
- Mayor indicated peculiarities with the TOD maps that should be finetuned. The Department offered the opportunity to finetune so long as the details were signed off by the Mayor and the General Manager by the following day (at which point the maps would be finalised). The Mayor indicated that such decisions could not be made in such a short timeframe and without a council resolution.

08 May 2024 – Council resolved to commence studies around the four TOD precincts to identify ways to distribute dwellings within each precinct for better resident outcomes. Council also resolved to commence legal action.

20 May 2024 – First hearing of the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Development of the Transport Oriented Development Program.