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SOUTH TRALEE LAND RELEASE

The NSW Government will work closely with Queanbeyan City Council to determine the most appropriate way to continue assessment of council's plans to rezone land at South Tralee, after the Land and Environment Court ruling today.

NSW Planning Minister, Tony Kelly, said while the court ruled there was a technical flaw in validity of the public exhibition process and not the merits of the plan itself, the public would still get their say.

The draft plan which would allow for up to 2,500 new homes at South Tralee is supported by:

- Queanbeyan City Council;
- Member for Monaro, Steve Whan;
- Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, Mike Kelly;
- Former Nationals Federal Member for Eden-Monaro, Gary Nairn;
- Queanbeyan Business Chamber;
- Master Builders' Association; and
- Housing Industry Association.

Mr Kelly said the case brought by Canberra Airport against Queanbeyan City Council's proposal was a very technical legal argument about the plan's exhibition, not the merits of the project.

"The argument put to the Court by Canberra Airport centred on the interpretation of just two words in the relevant planning regulation and, in particular, whether the draft plan was able to be publicly exhibited," the Minister said.

"As such, the Court made no findings on the merits of the proposed land release.

"To ensure technical arguments like this do not adversely impact on the timely processing of other local environmental plans, I have already this week recommended an amendment to the regulation be made to clear up any ambiguity in the wording.

"With regard to Queanbeyan Council's proposed rezoning of South Tralee, the Government will consider the judgement to determine its immediate implications, and the Department of Planning will discuss with Council how it would like to proceed," the Minister said.

"The NSW Government is committed to giving the local community the opportunity to have its say and if that means re-exhibiting the draft plan, then that's what will happen.

"As a result, I don't expect there will be any reason why the proposal cannot ultimately proceed to the point where a decision can be made on its merits."
