Westfield says it is awaiting State Government rezoning approval for its site at Tuggerah and the delays could force major anchor tenants to go elsewhere. Could you confirm there is a rezoning application with the department and if/when it might be considered?

Department of Planning and Infrastructure response:

The NSW Government's Central Coast Regional Strategy nominates Tuggerah-Wyong as a Major Centre.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is currently preparing a State Significant Site Study for the Tuggerah town centre area to investigate the potential to rezone the site to support additional jobs and housing.

The Study area is approximately 120 hectares and includes all of Westfield's land holdings in Tuggerah, as well industrial land on Tuggerah Straight, the Tuggerah Home Makers Supa Centa, Tuggerah railway station and some adjoining residential areas.

The department has been working closely with Westfield and key stakeholders, including Wyong Shire Council and government agencies, particularly Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services, to resolve key issues impacting the Study area.

These issues include traffic and the capacity of the road infrastructure, the ecological values of the land, flooding and stormwater.

Once these issues are resolved, the department will publicly exhibit a State Significant Site Study, which may propose some new zones across the site.

Separate to this, the department issued director general requirements on 30 July, 2009 for a concept plan application for Westfield's land holdings.

This has been retained by the department under the transitional arrangements for former Part 3A projects.

The proponent has not yet lodged an environmental assessment for the concept plan.