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Trakaa Housing Issues Consulted with Federal Government

The NSW Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard today released information on ongoing negotiations with the Federal Government to achieve an outcome on the Tralee development proposals.

“The former State Labor Government failed to resolve the obstacles to getting housing on the ground in the Queanbeyan area for too long.

“Trakaa is a major issue for the Queanbeyan area and one which this government is determined to resolve.

“After sixteen years of State Labor and a persistent failure to bring about meaningful discussions, I moved within the first parliamentary sitting of this new Government to engage the Federal Government in resolution of the issues.

“On June 16th I wrote to Federal Infrastructure Minister Anthony Albanese (following his letters of objection to the rezoning) to seek his clear advice on issues to do with the timetable for development of the National Aviation Policy.

“Minister Albanese and I have also discussed the issues.

“These actions followed a recommendation by the Planning and Assessment Commission in March to defer rezoning pending resolution of National Aviation Policy.

“A copy of the June 16th letter is attached to this press release and I understand the issues are being considered by the Federal Minister.

“I understand the need for urgency in resolving this matter and the frustrations that have become operational after years of State Labor indecision.”

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