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Dear Mr Davidson

I refer to your letter to the Hon Craig Knowles, MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources concerning a draft local environmental plan for rural lands within the Baulkham Hills Shire and not permitting subdivision of rural lands into 5 acres lots. The Minister has asked me to respond to your letter on his behalf.

The issues raised in your letter have been carefully noted. In October 2003, the Department wrote to you outlining its position on the protection of agriculturally viable and environmentally sensitive land, rural residential development and the role of council in preparing a local environmental plan. The Department's position has not changed.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Kintade
for Stephen Driscoll 15-4-04
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