

Riverstone Scheduled Lands

Precinct A (Stages 1 - 3)

Information Sheet: Consent Ballot

The Consent Ballot determines if landowners agree to proceed with the Development Plan prepared by UrbanGrowth NSW.

If at least 60% of the total number of landowners of the land, and the landowners of at least 60% of the total area of land, agree to proceed with the Development Plan, the Minister for Planning has the power to make a Subdivision Order.

A Subdivision Order from the Minister for Planning would give UrbanGrowth NSW the authority to deliver the Development Plan. UrbanGrowth NSW then must implement the Plan.

Who is eligible to vote?

Each landowner listed in the 'first schedule' on the title of the landholding is eligible to cast a vote.

What is a 'landholding'?

A landholding is all of the land in the area covered by the Development Plan with the same person or persons on the Certificate of Title. A landholding can be one or more lots whether they are contiguous or separate.

How are the votes counted?

Each landholding will have one vote counted. In the case of two or more landowners of the same landholding, the vote will be calculated as per the example below. If a landowner does not vote, his/her vote will be regarded as a 'no'. For example:

Landholding	Landowner	Vote cast	Vote counted
1	Landowner A	Yes	Yes
	Landowner B	Yes	
2	Landowner C	Yes	No
	Landowner D	No	
3	Landowner E	Yes	Yes
	Landowner F	Yes	
	Landowner G	No	
4	Landowner H	Yes	No
	Landowner I	Does not vote	

The Consent Ballot Process

The consent ballot process includes:

- A minimum of 14 days notice to landowners before ballot papers are issued for the consent ballot
- Notification of the consent ballot in the newspapers and on UrbanGrowth NSW's website for at least 14 days before the ballot papers are sent out.
- Display of a notice near Precinct A (Stages 1-3) and written notice to the local council for no less than 28 days before the ballot closes
- A minimum ballot period of 28 days
- A ballot paper is sent by mail to each landowner with a statement about the place, date and time at which the proposed Development Plan is available for inspection, and the address of the website where it may be found.

For a vote to be counted, the returning officer of the consent ballot MUST receive the ballot no later than the day the ballot closes. Any ballot received after this date will not be allowed to be included and will result in a no vote.

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