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Greater Sydney Commission  
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**By Email:** [info@gsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@gsc.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Chief Commissioner,

**RE: Ryde Assurance Review**

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (UDIA) NSW is the leading industry body representing the interests of the urban development sector. UDIA NSW advocates for better planning, timely and affordable housing, and the building of vibrant communities to increase local job opportunities.

The Greater Sydney Commission and UDIA NSW have a very productive relationship and we seek to work together to resolve common issues. UDIA notes the Commission is currently undertaking an Assurance Review in the Ryde LGA and that many of our members are active in Ryde and the Macquarie Park Investigation Area.

We recognise the importance of good strategic planning to provide liveable, affordable and connected urban areas, and the extensive work the Commission is undertaking to plan for Greater Sydney. We also recognise the Commission's statutory role in reviewing strategic planning issues.

However, the Ryde Assurance Review comes after extensive strategic planning work has already been completed. Many of our members who have holdings or options within the Ryde LGA are facing delays and uncertainty as a result of the review. Some members with planning proposals at various stages in the rezoning process are now finding that their proposals are effectively on hold pending the outcome of the Review. This adds costs and uncertainty to projects which would otherwise have been subject to rigorous review through the Gateway process.

For Assurance Reviews to avoid unnecessary delays and costs for development in Sydney, they should occur at the strategic planning and LEP review process, not after the process has been long finished.

We would be pleased to meet with you to discuss this matter further. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Elliott Hale, General Manager Policy, Media and Government Relations on (02) 9262 1214 or at [ehale@udiansw.com.au](mailto:ehale@udiansw.com.au).

Yours sincerely



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