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RURAL MLAS UNITE TO STOP URBAN ENCROACHMENT

Gary Higgins, Kezia Purich, Gerry Wood, rural MLAs, will not support plans by the Government to urbanise parts of the rural area as shown in the Government’s ill informed planning vision called Planning for a Vibrant Future.

They say that there are two areas which are particularly concerning.

Firstly the idea that the land from the Holtze Hospital to Howard Springs should become a suburb of 9500 dwellings or over 30,000 thousand people is a plan developed by the planners for the planners with no thought of the rural area. This plan is not supported.

Solution: Develop a smaller area around the hospital as accommodation for staff associated with the hospital and develop the remaining land as rural residential and rural.

Secondly the Government is supporting Noonamah Ridge, the Hughes Development and Weddell East. The Noonamah Ridge and Hughes developments are not supported and should be scrapped.

Solution: Develop Weddell East (the real Noonamah) as a peri urban development in keeping with the original plans for the area.

Gary, Kezia and Gerry say the Government should get on with planning and designing Weddell or Cox Peninsula and stop using the rural area as an excuse for doing nothing about our future cities.

Keep rural rural