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I am a landowner in the Marshall Mount precinct, and would like to comment on the draft report.

I am in broad support of all of the recommendations made by IPART in the report, and in particular the separation of the Marshall Mount area (stage 5), from the West Dapto (stages 1-4). In my opinion this not only makes sense but seems fair as Marshall Mount is a distinctly separated area from West Dapto, and would require completely different transport and stormwater infrastructure plans.

I also support IPART'S recommendation for Wollongong Council to review the plan within three years, as this would support more accurate assessments made on current developments and needs.

I also believe that Wollongong Council has an obligation to keep costs down, so that future families have the best opportunities for home ownership.

In this regard Council needs to also reassess its plan for a very expensive and highly engineered road bypass for the Marshall Mount area, when a more simple and effective plan would be to redesign and widen the existing road through the area, which could easily meet future road use.

Although we currently live in troubled times, we shouldn't lose sight of the need to make sensible decisions to support future families in our region.

Thank you for the opportunity to "have my say" and comment on the draft report.

Kindest Regards

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