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Development Application DA 404/2021

Regarding the Development Application at 10 Wolstenholme Ave Greendale 2745; I wish to object to every aspect of this application i.e.; its use as a Landscape supply business, cattle feed-lot and associated agricultural activities and the existing unauthorized landfilling activities the associated truck depot with its mechanical workshops and building works.

Objection to the Property's use as a Landscape Supplies and Transport Terminal.

Major issues Involve:

- The property lies immediately to the west of lands zoned RU4 and R5. I believe that the number of truck movements will continue to create conflict between land uses through the impact of noise, degradation of Greendale and surrounding roads and air quality through dust and diesel fumes.
- R5 zoning being large lot residential to the east of the site. One of the objectives of this zoning is to provide "residential housing in a rural setting while preserving and minimizing impacts on environmentally sensitive locations and scenic quality" this objective cannot clearly be achieved if the development is approved. The property has already destroyed the scenic quality of this areas the operations need to cease and the property restored to ensure that this objective is met as it previously was.
- Adjoining the property on its a western boundary , is a property currently approved and operating family child care center, the effects of the operation of these intended businesses would surely jeopardise the health and safety of the young children being cared for and the attending adults.
- Greendale Rd and Wolstenholme Ave are the main access roads to Bents Basin State Recreation Area. The activities associated with a landscape supply business conflict with the traffic flow and inherent dangers of narrow rural roads with unsealed shoulders.

This would place caravans, picnic and camping enthusiasts at increased risk from the increased number of truck movements.

- It seems that the proposed entry to this business will be at 10 Wolstenholme Ave thus creating an entry on a steep slope with inadequate turning space thus placing local residents and other road users who currently enjoy the recreation facilities, walking tracks throughout the area and the excellent bike riding and horse riding tracks at huge risk.
- This development will limit the range of possible future recreational pursuits of the huge populations that are being planned for the World Trade Center Sydney as well as the Aerotropolis it is in conflict with the State Governments concept for a "Park Land City"
- The property is surrounded by homes on rural allotments including the home on the property itself most being within a three hundred meter radius of the proposal, all of these are impacted by the environmental and economic externalities of the operation of the businesses proposed in the development application.
- As these businesses have been operating illegally and negatively impacting on the immediate and broader local area for a number of years, the submitted associated studies of possible future impacts were not undertaken prior to the operation thus invalidating the data presented.
- All surrounding properties collect rainwater for drinking, the environmental externalities of the operation will impact on the sediments on rooftops thus compromising potability of residents' water catchments.

Objection to the Use of the property as a cattle feedlot.

Whilst under RU1 zoning, intensive agriculture may be undertaken with consent this proposal does not meet the current planning guidelines for intensive agriculture development as stated within the State Environmental Planning Policy- SEPP.

- There was no liaison with local council and relevant agencies prior to the commencement of the operation.
- There was a failure to consult with the local community.
- The risks have not been appropriately identified or managed.

- A lack of public notification of the DA , the signs to be displayed on the property have only been displayed for 5 days and to our knowledge letters were only received by a small number of residents.
- Councils Development Control Plan for the feedlot have not been appropriately addressed. Buffers and setback distances are inappropriate thus impacting heavily on current adjoining land uses and future development within short distances of the site.
- The modelling of noise and odour fall short of identifying and addressing specific impacts on the health and safety of the immediate and broader local community.
- Bio security measures of the operation do not address the contamination of pathogens such as giardia, cryptosporidium, e-coli and Q fever. Bird wildlife have been involved in transmission of these to local streams and dams.
- Waterfowl and other birds have roosted on rooftops of neighbors and broader local community, shedding the contaminants from this questionably maintained feedlot.
- This feedlot has housed hundreds of cattle at a time thus exceeding livestock number thresholds as set out in Schedule 1 of the Protection of Environment Operation Act 1997.
- Residents and visitors to the area have been sickened by the conditions which cattle have been kept and the way that dead carcasses have been disposed of.
- The siting of the development has already adversely affected surface water and streams , the creek that flows in a north westerly direction has been consistently polluted affecting the biodiversity of this waterway from the said property to the Nepean river.
- Echidnas, bush wallabies, native aquatic species which had been previously sighted in the area have not been visible .
- There have been a number of algal blooms observed in this waterway. Similarly algal blooms have been regularly observed on the dams of lot 10 Wolstenholme Avenue Greendale.
- Similar observations to the above have been made regarding the waterway that flows to the south west of the said site.
- No studies have been undertaken on the impact on groundwater with its possible impacts on the Nepean River catchment.

- The soils on the proposed site are prone to erosion due to the intensive operation of the feedlot. The topography adversely influences drainage and erosion. The sloping nature of the pens, drains, basins and effluent utilization area do not meet national industry guidelines thus affecting drainage, erosion, animal health and air quality.
- No measures have been undertaken to mitigate the impacts of the development on the native vegetation.
- From the submitted documents it would appear that insufficient consideration has been given to regional plans, agricultural land use maps or industry development plans for the area.
- A lack of consideration has been given to address the existing climatic conditions and future projections. With hotter, drier climates predicted insufficient consideration for shelter is evident.
- A large proportion of the property houses the residents, large dams and the landscaping trucking depot thus limiting the number of acres available for the appropriate operation of this feedlot.

In conclusion, the environmental risks of this proposal pose an unacceptable risk to the human environment and the natural biome of the Greendale area. From the incompatible land use zonings in the vicinity, considerations around biosecurity and the impacts on the Nepean River catchment if allowed to continue, this toxic blight of environmental vandalism will destroy the rural nature of Bringelly, Greendale and Wallacia.

Council is obliged to apply the precautionary principle as outlined in the international treaties and conventions that Australia is signatory to and that Commonwealth and State Governments have ratified via a number of legislative measures, when considering this Application this will ensure an appropriate outcome for the local community and the environment.