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To: [Jessie Wiseman](#)
Subject: FW: Urban Taskforce
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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 10 April 2020 at 10:39:10 am AEST
To: "mayor@thehills.nsw.gov.au" <mayor@thehills.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Urban Taskforce

Dear Ms Byrne

I would be surprised if you were unaware the NSW Treasury has invited the Urban Taskforce to nominate housing development projects that can be pushed through the normal planning processes. This raises particular concern as the IBM site at Coonara Avenue West Pennant Hills has been nominated.

In their response, the Urban Taskforce writes that the project has got Council Office support. That is not how I understand it especially recalling the debacle of the council vote, councilors rescinding the vote then reversing and you casting the deciding vote.

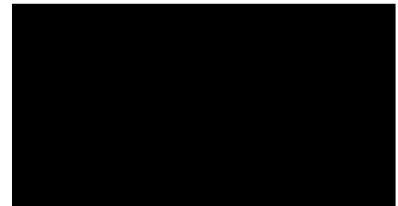
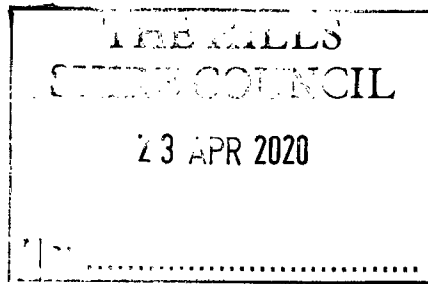
Despite Covid19, I hope Australia remains a democratic society where government exists to protect the community. The NSW government cannot ignore the current planning process and if they do I trust there will be massive protest and electoral repercussions. I have written to David Elliott suggesting that the Construction industry has not been disadvantaged during this crisis (I work in Construction) and their focus should be supporting education, allied health, hospitality, tourism and gyms.

Anything The Hills Council can do to uphold the current planning process would be appreciated.

Regards

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16-4-20

The Hon M. Byrne,
Hills Shire Council,
P.O. BOX 7064
BAULKHAM HILLS BC 1755

Dear M/s Byrne,

1/2018/PLP 55 COONARA AVE, WEST PENNANT HILLS

During such troubling times, I was disturbed to hear of a knee-jerk plan to push through 'shovel ready' projects in N.S.W.

I understand that jobs need to be maintained to assist the economy, however there is no "one-size fits all" solution when it comes to future development.

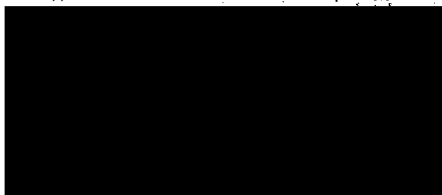
The Mirvac site at Coonara Avenue is a case in point. As you are aware, critically endangered trees and habitat are at risk of obliteration without due protection.

When the world is in such a dire situation, we need reassurance that Government decisions are made with care to reflect environmental concerns over and above overwhelming dollar-driven developer pressure.

I look forward to your involvement to resolve this situation.

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu, 28 May 2020 10:44:44 +1000
To: baulkhamhills@parliament.nsw.gov.au
Cc: Clr Michelle Byrne;The Hills Shire Council
Subject: Objection to rezoning of business land to residential at IBM site, 55 Coonara Avenue, West Pennant Hills

Dear Mr David Elliot MP,

I would like to express my concerns with regards to the Minister's fast tracking of developments. This seems to be allowing developments which should never be approved to be fast tracked without meeting environmental requirements and ignoring community concerns. The Minister's ability to fast track some questionable developments seems to fail to take into consideration infrastructure needs and is not supporting Sydney's suburbs to be liveable, sustainable and productive.

In particular I object to the fast tracking of the Mirvac proposal to rezone the IBM site, 55 Coonara Avenue, West Pennant Hills (1/2018/PLP). This rezoning does not even meet the criteria for fast tracking including jobs, timing and public interest. For example,

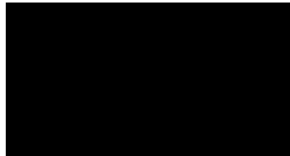
- It has not been supported by the Local Council or residents
- Creates 302 jobs to construct but destroys 2000 jobs as an employment precinct. No post construction jobs.
- Ecology, bushfire and flooding constraints cannot be resolved within 6 months. Given the community opposition the process of community consultation for the changes to the LEP are likely to be lengthy.
- Clearing would occur in a Blue Gum High Forest Saving Our Species Site. This deserves better protection than fast tracking rezoning for 300 jobs.
- Forest safer as National Park not annexed to the Cumberland State Forest
- Adequate housing supply nearby at the Cherrybrook Station Precinct
- No social or affordable housing provided
- No state or regional infrastructure offered
- Does not meet Greater Sydney Commission regional or district plans
- Not close to public transport

Please look beyond the immediate gains of 302 jobs on this site to the long term infrastructure needs of the area. The business zoning of this site will be needed for the future residents in the Cherrybrook railway precinct development who seek work in the local area. Once all the business zoned land in our local suburbs is lost people will have to travel further to work. This in turn will create more traffic congestion and will not be good for this area.

I hope you can please take actions to ensure proper planning processes are being followed to ensure there is adequate environmental protection including for future generations to be able to enjoy the Cumberland State Forest and Sydney Blue Gum High Forest at 55 Coonara Avenue, West Pennant Hills, NSW.

Thanking you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards



General Enquiry, Request or Report

Open Forms Submission

Response 7159 submitted Friday, 22 May 2020 6:47:50 PM

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Your Details

Company Name (if applicable)

Full Name

Email

Phone

Postal Address

Property Location (if different to your address)

What would you like to report or request?

We residences in the Hills District area have directly opposed the Mirvac development at the IBM site at West Pennant Hills. Over 4000 residents wrote in last year and rejected it, and so did the councillors for Hills Shire, and I rang on 7th May 2020 and Hill shire told me that there are no plans for it to go ahead. Now we hear over radio channels today that Nsw Department of Planning may overrule it. I hope this is not the case. I am fed up with these people. Noone wants that development. We want environment in this area, not more construction of housing. When are these people going to stop with this? There is noone that wants that to go ahead and we have made it very clear over the past year and a half that it is not in the best interests of this community. Someone has got to start listening to the community and not to those that have eyes on money or economy. It will increase congestion and pollution and population density to West Pennant Hills and to traffic on Castle Hill Rd. When are they going to stop and what are our councillors going to do about it? It borders on Cumberland State Forest. give it back to State Forestry and get Mirvac out of there. We are sick of fighting this issue only for it to keep coming back. Those that don't care about this area and the opinions of the community will gladly overrule everyone. Please put a stop to this and let the community have a say in the future of this land and think of the environment for everybody.

What action would you like us to take?

STop Mirvac and NSW Department of Planning from approving this IBM site from being demolished. Put a ruling on it permanently so we don't have to keep going through the same issue over and over again. The Hills District is fast losing its beauty and it because noone gives a crap about planting trees and the environment. We need people who care about this. Thank you

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