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My family have resided in Catherine Fields for over 30 years. During this time we have enjoyed living in a rural area surrounded by farm areas all within close proximity to conveniences.

I believe that SEARs number 26. Engagement is inaccurate. I disagree that there was enough community engagement

I confirm that I did not receive the letter on page 13 of Appendix G. Neither did any of my neighbours. Perhaps this is the reason that there was zero registrations for that zoom meeting.

I would also ask how these flyers were distributed? Were they addressed appropriately and sent through Australia Post or was somebody employed to put them in letterboxes? If it was the latter, I would request a refund.

I would also question why only 35 out of 945 residential dwellings and 8 commercial premises registered for the zoom meeting. Again, many of my neighbours did not receive said flyer. How were these distributed?

The one week advertisement in the local newspaper is inadequate. Catherine Field does not get newspapers delivered, nor are they readily available. Since Covid, the newspapers downsized the amount of content they contained and the number that they printed. This service is available online but like many, requires a subscription or log in to access which deters a lot of people.

Perhaps if the engagement included local radio advertising and boosted social media posts, the community would have been made aware of the project.

I don't think the applicant did enough to build awareness about the project.