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Attention: The Acting Director
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Re: OBJECTION – Major Project Application 05-0198 – Bilambil Heights

I wish to lodge my objection to the above Project Application. The grounds of my objection are:

- The proposal in this application to link Stott Street in Tweed Heads West and Walmsleys Road in the Tweed Pacific subdivision of Bilambil Heights was contained in a development application lodged in 1994, that was rejected by the Tweed Shire Council in January 2005, stating *"The proposal is likely to have an unacceptable adverse impact on the residential amenity of the residents of Tweed Pacific Estate"* (i.e. the subdivision containing Walmsleys Road) and *"On balance, the originally proposed access from Piggabeen Road is the more appropriate option"*;
- The impact of linking Stott Street and Walmsleys Road would effectively link the already busy Piggabeen Road (with future huge development on the drawing board) with a currently "isolated" subdivision of 160-or-so residential dwellings in this Tweed Pacific and Malua Estates subdivisions;
- The proposal is likely to have an unacceptable adverse impact on the residential amenity of the residents of Tweed Pacific Estate (i.e. the subdivision containing Walmsleys Road, Nabilla Street and Warringa Drive;
- An access to the proposed development from Stott Street and Piggabeen Road is the more appropriate option (as endorsed by the 1995 rejection of linking Stott St & Walmsleys Road.);
- Given the greatly increased flow of traffic under the proposal, the already dangerous intersection of Warringa Drive and Nabilla Street would be significantly worsened. (In the late afternoon, for the half-hour or so when the sun is shining directly down the steep incline of Warringa Drive, it is absolutely, physically impossible for traffic driving West, up Warringa Drive, wanting to turn right into Nabilla Street, to see any traffic proceeding East, down Warringa Drive at that point.) (Under the Proposal, a significant proportion of traffic for the proposed sub-division, plus a potential for other traffic from the top end of Tweed Heads West adjacent to the proposed development would be driving via that route);
- And this is not taking into account the increased danger to the large number of school children (and others) currently walking daily on the road, given there are no footpaths, down Warringa Drive to catch the bus on Scenic Drive, plus walking home from the bus from Scenic Drive.
- Walmsleys Road at the Western end is currently a little over only 6 meters wide, bitumen edge to bitumen edge. The proposal states the road is 7 meters wide. If the proposal necessitates the widening of that end of Walmsleys Road, this would adversely reduce the width of the "nature strip" along what will be potentially a busy stretch of road.

Signed

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