

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly object to development application SSD-14082938 on Lot 2 DP 809106 Arizona Road, Charmhaven.

Under no circumstances should the development be allowed to proceed.

The proposed site for the school is of significant ecological value.

I believe that allowing the development to proceed would directly result in serious and irreversible impacts to biodiversity. I do not think that these impacts will not be outweighed by the social and economic benefits of the proposed school which could be accommodated on another more appropriate site.

What value is a school, if it leaves the children of Charmhaven with no legacy?

As one of the last major forested areas in Charmhaven, Lot 2 DP 809106 provides the local community with essential greenspace which is becoming rapidly depleted on the NSW Central Coast.

Referencing Central Coast Council's advice, the proposal site contains:

- **Plant Community 1649 which "forms part of the Endangered Ecological Community "Swamp sclerophyll forest on coastal floodplains of the NSW North Coast| Sydney Basin and South East Corner bioregions" listed under the Biodiversity Conservation Act (BC Act)."**
- **"exceptionally high-quality habitat for a range of threatened Orchid species. These species include but are not limited to: Leafless Tongue Orchid (Cryptostylis hunteriana), Corunastylis sp. Charmhaven, Variable Midge Orchid (Genoplesium insigne). In particular, the critically endangered orchids Genoplesium insigne and Corunastylis sp. Charmhaven have known significant populations on properties along Arizona Road. Genoplesium insigne and Corunastylis sp. Charmhaven are classed as 'Serious and Irreversible' (SAII) species."**

The proposal site also provides vital habitat for vulnerable fauna such as squirrel gliders and has been identified as a **Swift Parrot Important Area**. Swift parrots are critically endangered, and development of this site could directly contribute to their imminent extinction.

I feel that this site should be permanently protected and preserved for future generations.

Sites like this are one of the NSW Central Coast's most important assets.

What value is a school, if the children of Charmhaven are denied the natural beauty that past generations have enjoyed?

Anonymous Submission