

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

Modification Application development consent (MP 08_0194 MOD 15)

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Application.

As a community member and resident, I **object** to those outlined below:

There should never have been a service station approved for the site with the appalling disregard to the health and wellbeing of the residents, the environment, the fauna, flora, wildlife, birdlife and waterways particularly the Cudgen creek considering its vicinity to the site. The area has always had a rural outlook with peace and tranquillity. Natural springs run through the surrounding farms and land. This will now be completely ruined with a service station. No consideration to the residents directly opposite the site regarding the air pollution, dust, fumes and streetlights (light pollution).

There appears to be changes and modifications continuously creeping in with no regard to health and wellbeing of the residents, the environment, the fauna, flora, wildlife, birdlife and waterways particularly the Cudgen creek.

The acoustic fence erected is a 2.4-metre-high treated pine paling fence which does not protect from the passing traffic noise, air and environmental pollution. The fence has obscured the view of the peaceful rural outlook.

Introduce end of trip facilities

- This will promote excessive amounts of traffic which will be accessing and departing from the area at all hours of the night with exhaust emissions and noise from vehicles breaking and accelerating. This will impact the health and wellbeing of residents, wildlife and the environment.

Allow a 24 hours operation of service station, and increase hours of food & drink premises

- This will promote amounts of traffic accessing and departing on a daily and nightly basis with noise, lights, fumes and odours which will impact the health and wellbeing of nearby residents who just want to relax, sleep and enjoy their environment. This would increase the risks of serious illnesses. Health implications are very concerning for residents with respiratory conditions from exhaust emissions, fumes and odours.
- This will have a harmful impact on the health and wellbeing of the environment, fauna, flora, wildlife, birdlife and waterways particularly the Cudgen creek. The litter from the food and drink premises will certainly end up in the Cudgen creek which will be devastating to the waterway and the aquatic animals.

- Safety and wellbeing of the residents is concerning particularly the potential for hoon behaviour, bored youth, loitering and late-night disturbances.
- There two 24-hours service stations near the site on the M1 which includes drive through food and drink on the premises.

Allow illuminated signage:

- This would add nightly light (light pollution) which would have serious consequences on the health and wellbeing of residence, wildlife and the environment. It will have an impact from light and/or light spill. The signage and lighting would be visible over the erected 2.4m high treated pine paling fence opposite the site.
- **Residents.** Light pollution would negatively disrupt the ability to sleep, reducing sleep times, dissatisfaction with sleep quality and rest throwing the body's natural cycle out of whack and impact. The general quality of life will be affected by light pollution.
- **Wildlife.** Light pollution on the native wildlife would seriously alter their natural cycles and operations. Including mistimed activity, disturbed sleep and circadian rhythms, disorientation and poor navigation, and reduced survival and reproduction. The light would encounter new predators to the wildlife. Invasive species (cats, foxes and cane toads take advantage of artificial lights to feed).
- **Environment.** The light pollution will severely disrupt nocturnal ecosystems, interfering with natural rhythms of plants and animals, affecting biodiversity and wildlife patterns and harming human health, decreasing quality of life and wasting energy.

Delete noise limits conditions

- This is an absurd, offensive and unacceptable request. The complete disregard and significant impact of noise pollution on the health, comfort and wellbeing of residents, fauna, wildlife and birdlife is irresponsible and demonstrates complete disregard. This would have a major sleep disturbance impact.
The environmental concern is a pervasive and escalating issue with profound implications.
Residents have been imposed by increased noise pollution without sufficient measures. The erected treated pine paling fence opposite the site offers minimal noise relief to the residents from passing traffic noise.

The detrimental caused by this application on health and wellbeing of residents, the environment, the fauna, flora, wildlife, birdlife and waterways particularly the Cudgen creek and immediate surrounding habitat loss outweighs any purported benefit.

Yours sincerely,

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