

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

Modification Application Kings Forest Stage 1:

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To Whom It May Concern,

Where will this end??

We have a group of houses on a side road to a once quite road with tree tall trees between. Located on the edge of the very important and productive Kingscliff Plateau. Also backing on to vegetative area known for its koala habitat. Very quiet and removed from the hustle and bustle of the surrounding areas.

Along comes Kings Forest Estate – not what we want but we come to expect the area to become more developed and support more housing in our house deprived environment.

With that came the restructure of the side road and the widening of the Coast Road. Gone are the tree barrier, replaced by a very ineffective protective and sound reducing fence which contains a large gap for the road entry. Not even an ineffective protective barrier for those houses in front of that entry.

Also, for the road upgrade we have street lights that shine well above the ineffective protective fence with no shield to direct the lights down. Instead, they shine directly into all residence homes.

In the initial plans there was an application which was approved for the construction of a rural depot adjacent to the houses- something we all could live with as it would only be a basic business open 5 to 6 days a week during business hours.

Then it becomes approved for a service station- no respect for the rural environment or the pollution impact on the Cudgen Creek which sits directly at the back of this block. No respect to the houses adjacent to the service station with the greatly increased lighting and noise from the cars and trucks that are braking and accelerating when arriving and leaving the service station.

Now comes another bold plan to increase this service station to a 24 hour operation with food and drink premises, illuminated signage and eliminate noise conditions.

As a local resident I absolutely object to these changes.

Present fencing will not protect us from the present estimated noise level, or the existing lighting once it is turned on. With this extra hours and lighting and no noise

restrictions it will become unbearable to be living here as there will be no protection at all from the lights or signage and the extra noise level of a night. Not to mention the local young residence will find it a great place for their early morning gathering to discuss the hooning capabilities or other mischievous activities while munching on fast food.