

Thursday, 12 December 2024

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Dear Mr Doyle,

**Re; Exhibition of State Significant Development Modification Application
Kings Forest Stage 1 – Split building, allow 24hrs, and other changes (MP 08_0194 MOD 15)**

I am writing to object to the State Significant Development Modification Application Kings Forest Stage 1 – Split building, allow 24hrs, and other changes (MP 08_0194 MOD 15).

I support the Residents and the Cultural and Environmental assets that will be immediately and adversely impacted and affected by the modification requests within this application.

I object to the location selected for this Service Station which is in close proximity to the Cudgen Creek. This creek and area are within a significant Cultural landscape and the Creek alone has particular Cultural significance and connection to the local and surrounding Aboriginal communities. The Creek also has great Environmental significance as it is connected to the protected Cudgen Lake which is also a significant Cultural place. I have concern also for the users of the lake and any potential hinderences to them for accessibility and land and water quality as a result of runoff and rubbish created by the Service Station and its proposed 24hr operation.

There are two other 24hr Service Stations within 10kms to the north of this proposed Service Station (Chinderah BP southbound and Chinderah Ampol northbound) as well as a number of other nearby fuel stops. There are shopping and food precincts nearby in Casuarina, Kingscliff and Chinderah.

These incremental changes will have a cumulative negative impact on the Residents and the Cultural and Environmental Assets and may open the door to further incremental requests that will further exacerbate and become devastating impacts and I make the following points of objection;

Deletion of noise limits

This will significantly impact and adversely affect and disturb the nearby residents rights to quite enjoyment of their properties and their wellbeing daily from the noise of excess traffic entering and exiting the precinct, breaking and accelerating noise of larger vehicles and the noise pollution created by the workers, delivery trucks and vans and the gathering of people at and near the Service Station. It should not be underestimated that the local wildlife and their habitats will also be significantly adversely impacted by the deletion of noise limits both in the day and night. The current “noise buffer/acoustic barrier” in place is completely ineffective as it adds to the noise pollution by way of acoustic run off and vibrations etc.

Allow illuminated signage 24hrs

Allowing illuminated signage on a 24hr basis will significantly impact and adversely affect and disturb the nearby residents and their wellbeing. It should not be underestimated that the local wildlife and their habitats will also be significantly adversely impacted by the proposed illuminated signage and the noise hum that is produced by such signage.

Allow 24 hours operation of the Service Station

This will absolutely have a negative impact and effect on the health and well being of the nearby Residents and on the Cultural and Environmental landscapes via increase in noise, light and rubbish pollution and the noise created from gatherings of people at the Service Station.

As stated above, there are currently two other 24hr Service Stations within 10kms to the north of this proposed Service Station (Chinderah BP southbound and Chinderah Ampol northbound) as well as a number of other nearby fuel stops. There are shopping and food precincts nearby in Casuarina, Kingscliff and Chinderah which can all accommodate the fuel, food and beverage demands.

An increase in operation of food and drink premises

This is unnecessary as stated above there are number of food precincts nearby in Casuarina, Kingscliff and Chinderah, two of which are 24hr Service Stations.

Introduce End of trip facilities

This promotes increase and excessive traffic small and large vehicles, increase and excessive noise from small and large vehicles, increase and excessive light pollution from small and large vehicles, increase and excessive noise from the operators of the facility and the visitors to the facility.

Accommodate a Regional Pump Station

I request that you please provide more detail/information on this.

Please provide a prompt response to my submission and the individual issues I have raised via return e-mail.

Regards

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