



Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council

Objection to the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme

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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: Objection to the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme

We, the Members of the Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council, wish to raise strong objections to the proposed Thrumster Wastewater Scheme.

This project is located on Birpai Country, and we are deeply concerned that the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage has not been properly investigated or protected. The current reports only mention 38 artefacts, and visibility during the site inspection was very low — between 10% and 20%. This tells us that many more cultural items may still be present and have not been found.

Birpai LALC was not properly included in the inspection or consultation process, even though we are the recognised Traditional Custodians of this land. This is not acceptable and goes against the respect and care that should be shown when planning developments on Aboriginal land.

We also have concerns about the destruction of native bushland, threats to endangered animals, and health risks to nearby families. Important documents have been left out of the public reports, and local residents and Traditional Owners have not been given a fair chance to be heard.

For these reasons, we ask that:

- The project is paused immediately;
- A proper Aboriginal Cultural Heritage inspection is done with Birpai LALC present;
- All missing reports are released to the public;
- A new location for the wastewater facility is considered.

We ask that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure listen to our voices and take the right steps to protect Birpai Country and culture.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Warner

Birpai Local Aboriginal Land Council Member