

Good morning

This is my submission against the extra developement of Bay Ridge Estate.

Before I state my protest for expansion of Bay Ridge estate I would like to say this:

The plans for this were only available for 14 days. This is not nearly long enough for us mere humans to wade through the information, which is presented in corporate language with hard copies are not easily available.

Most people who will be affected are not even aware of the proposed developement.

I have many reservations re the development.

Firstly the destruction of my peace through added noise and increased exhaust fumes - which have both increased hugely since the Ridge was created - are of enormous concern to me. Having moved from the city due to health reasons I now find the city coming to me.

Extra housing will increase traffic noise and fume pollution by over 50 vehicles each morning and night, not to mention the noise disruption during the development process. My property is opposite the estate and I will suffer greatly - as I did during the initial developement - from building noise, dust, diesel and car fumes. My complaints were not taken seriously and my depression increased dramatically. The air quality is now terrible.

I am also highly concerned for the environment. The already diminished tree buffer between the estate and the highway, across from the protected wetland opposite, is completely thinned and now provides no safe haven for wallabies, swamphens, herons and other native species, while the number of domestic, predatory animals has risen. The incidence of native roadkill along that stretch of Princes Highway has risen dramatically in the last 6 years and is nothing short of a local tragedy.

There is no true canopy left and any large trees currently standing will be destroyed adding to soil erosion and depletion of healthy soil so close to the wetland.

The rampant and unrestrained developement in what were beautiful areas is nothing short of criminal. I watch as my beautiful shire is turned into an outer suburb of Canberra creating another wasteland of bitumen, cement and brick, adding to the climate change issue and impacting terribly on our semi rural lifestyles.

I am also highly disturbed to note that nobody has informed the local Indigenous community about this further destruction of their country. As usual.

Finally I would like to say that the creation of housing estates which require total land clearing with no legally binding agreement that the developer should replant at a 2 to 1 ratio (that is a double replacement of native flora for each and every plant destroyed) must be stopped before our remaining wild places are razed to dust.

Thank you
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