

The Director

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Re Public Submission

West Culburra Concept Proposal (App. No. SSD 3846)

I have supported this development since I first came to Culburra Beach some twenty five years ago.

Since that time our permanent population has greatly reduced and has been replaced by casual residents in their holiday homes.

Our village needs the development in order for our community to prosper and grow.

This proposed development will attract permanent residents as it sits well away from the beaches that attract holiday rentals.

A large number of our commercial premises have closed down through lack of permanent residents who cannot provide the much needed customer support.

Concerns about water pollution have been addressed with the proposed recycling water strategy that will ensure water quality and prevent spillage into the nearby Crookhaven River.

Another measure taken to capture any overflows is the requirement that all houses will have water tanks.

Lake Wollumboola will not be impacted by this development nor will the oyster leases on the Crookhaven and Shoalhaven rivers.

The proposed development will complement the existing township by providing walkways and cycle ways around the foreshore of the Crookhaven River and surrounds, sporting facilities, parks, open spaces and other recreational areas.

The expanded industrial area will attract more investment and industry to our township.

The proposed development will also reduce the cost of real estate in our area thereby reducing the cost of housing.

This proposed development will provide our senior residents with the much needed opportunity to downsize and move into the proposed smaller homes and remain in our community.

As you are no doubt aware, the Shoalhaven has an extremely high unemployment rate particularly with our youth. This proposed development would bring much needed work opportunities for our community particularly during the construction stages of this long term development.

Overall the proposed development would bring much needed benefits to our community attracting young families, permanent residents and commercial opportunities.

Environmentally it ticks all the boxes and then some.

The proposal has the overwhelming support of our community as evidenced by attendances at the many public meetings that have taken place over many years.

Accordingly I fully support the proposed development and urge you to give it the seal of approval it deserves.

I declare that I have not made a reportable political donation in the previous two years.

