

Date: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Matter: Application relating to West Culburra Concept Proposal  
Application No: SSD-3846  
Location: West of Culburra Beach, on land to the north of Culburra Road.  
Disclosure: I have no conflict of interest to disclose. I have not made any political donations in the past 2 years.  
Objection: This statement is to express my **OBJECTION** to the proposed West Culburra Concept Proposal.

Argument: I **object** to the West Culburra Project Proposal for the following reasons

1. As a proud Gundangara man, I acknowledge and pay my respects to the custodial elders, past, present, and emerging of the Yuin Nation, the land on which I currently live. I stand with my brothers and sisters in opposing the West Culburra Project for the devastation the building of dwellings and infrastructure will do to Country - namely the land, the waterways, the wildlife and animals. The project will do untold damage to areas of significance for Yuin Country.
2. Loss of natural vegetation and wildlife along Culburra Road. Culburra was in an advantageous position during the 2019-2020 summer bushfires to preserve important areas of shelter and vegetation for animals, when neighbouring spaces were burnt. It is one of the few pockets in the Shoalhaven to now provide a habitat for wildlife. The construction of the West Culburra Concept would greatly limit this already restricted area and cause much damage to the wildlife currently in the area. This is a time when the Shoalhaven should be rebuilding and regenerating the natural landscape, not destroying it.
3. Water quality compromised in the Crookhaven Estuary. There remains an unacceptable risk of run-off from the development of the West Culburra Project into the estuary; detrimentally impacting on wildlife, marine life, and vegetation. There is also an unacceptable risk to current oyster leases and production – a local industry providing sustainable jobs in the area.
4. Increased air, dust, and noise pollution along Culburra Road and surrounds with heavy vehicle, trade vehicle, and private vehicles involved in the development of the West Culburra Project. These forms of pollution impact on the natural landscape, wildlife (loss of life on roads and in areas cleared), and quality of life of current Shoalhaven residents living along Culburra Road and surrounds.
5. Increased demands on what is a single road access point into Culburra, putting lives at risk. The current road is not fit for purpose with persistent heavy vehicle and trade access required as part of the development. Local lives have already been lost on Culburra Road, despite two recent resurfaces. There are concerns that further lives will be lost, due to the damage caused by increased (and non-residential) traffic.

The West Culburra Project poses significant and unacceptable risks to the vegetation, wildlife, marine life, and air quality of Culburra and its surrounds. This is a time when the Shoalhaven should be rebuilding the natural environment in the wake of the devastating bushfires of 2019-2020; and putting this above any short-term financial gain from man-made buildings and infrastructures.