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Sent: Wednesday, 24 February 2021 10:07 PM
To: DPE PS Industry Assessments Mailbox
Cc: Patrick Copas
Subject: "West Culburra Concept Proposal SSD 3846"

To Planning NSW,

I object to the proposed West Culburra Concept Proposal SSD 3846 at Culburra Beach because of the following environment and safety issues.

- I believe there will be a very high risk of negative environment issues created by the proposal, and therefore support the decision to remove the Lake Wollumboola catchment from the development proposal.
- I object to the proposal to locate 244 low density residential lots capable of providing up to 293 dwellings in the Crookhaven River catchment west of the Sewerage Treatment plant.
- Building a large housing estate with access to the Crookhaven River shore would result in degradation of Aboriginal middens which are recognised as Regionally Significant Aboriginal cultural heritage.
- I find clearing of over 47 ha of Currumbene Lowland Coastal Forest for the housing estate's construction is not acceptable. This precious forest is part of an important habitat corridor which stretches west to the Shoalhaven escarpment and north to the Crookhaven River Wetlands.
- If approved this part of the development, would cause loss of significant habitat for threatened bird species such as the Powerful Owl and Glossy Black Cockatoo as well as for other important native fauna and flora species such as frogs, microbats and marsupial mammals. With each hectare lost the local, delicate ecosystem becomes irreversibly diminished.
- The damage caused to mangroves in the Coastal Wetlands along the Crookhaven River, risks causing water quality issues that will impact the local industries involved in oysters and fishing.
- It will cause indirect impacts on the Culburra Beach environment and Lake Wollumboola's internationally significant bird life due to increased pressures from a potential 30% increase in the Culburra Beach's population.
- It is extremely concerning that this intensive development is proposed in unburned coastal forest, when so much of the South Coast forests were destroyed in the 2019-2020 fires. This precious remnant forest must be protected as refuge habitat for species displaced by the fires, such as Greater Gliders and the like.
- Due to the fact that there is only one road in and one road out of Culburra Beach there is a significant increase in risk to the residents in emergency situations, such as the 2019/2020 fires. This would only be exacerbated with the increase in population from the development. This in turn would have a negative flow on affect for the residents of Orient Point who also rely on the road for access.

Regards,

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