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Sent: Friday, 26 February 2021 2:13 PM To: **DPE PS Industry Assessments Mailbox** Cc: Patrick Copas West Culburra Concept Proposal SSD 3846 **Subject:** To: The Director, Industry Assessment Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Locked Bag 5022, Parramatta NSW 2124 From: Culburra Beach NSW 2540 Email: Phone: Re: Application Number: West Culburra Concept Proposal SSD 3846 Dear Sir/Madam, I object to the proposed West Culburra Concept Proposal SSD 3846 at Culburra Beach Because of the following concerns.

This proposal is another attempt to continue the overall concept of the destruction of the pristine forest and wildlife corridors of West Culburra, a project rejected by the NSW Independent Planning Commission in 2018.

My main concern is that the proposal represent excessive development. It will degrade Aboriginal cultural heritage, the Culburra Beach environment, particularly the Crookhaven catchment, coastal forest, wetland, wildlife corridors and the oyster industry. It is incompatible with existing Culburra Beach character.

I believe that previous decisions by planning authorities must be maintained, and that Culburra Beach should have very limited expansion. It should remain a small costal village. Major population expansion should only occur near Nowra, which is a major economic centre with the services to support the population as it grows.

Bushfires are now becoming a massive problem, especially in a village such as Culburra Beach, which has a one way in and out road system. Not much of a prospect with a few thousand extra people trying to escape hastily and impatiently. I put to you that the world, including Australia, is destroying the planet we all depend on for our survival. Endless and senseless destruction of the environment and everything that lives in it.

Farmland abounds in this area. It has already been destroyed by wholesale clearing of wildlife habitat, and further degraded by polluting farms practices. Use this land instead for development, especially since it is closer to services and amenities. Don't destroy pristine forest habitat because the work that is done on our behalf by this natural heritage is enormously valuable both civically and economically. It cleans our air, water and revives our native spirit. It's vital to us all.

THE DESTRUCTION MUST STOP!!! Think about the generations yet to be born and how will they view our decisions made on their behalf. The forest was here for our childhood. Why should future generations be deprived? Because of our myopia and greed for money? Future generations will scorn our recklessness and excess. Shame on us!

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REJECT THIS PROPOSAL

I declare that I have not made any political donations in the last 2 years.

Thank you,