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Objection to the West Culburra Concept Proposal (SSD 3846 Culburra Beach NSW 2540)

Dear Sir/Madam,

While I support the decision to remove the Lake Wollumboola catchment from the development proposal, I would like to object to the West Culburra Concept Proposal for a number of safety, cultural heritage, environmental and commercial issues:

Safety

- Allowing up to 293 dwellings to be built in a location with “one road in and one road” out seems to ignore the lessons of the 2019-20 bushfires in the Shoalhaven.

Cultural heritage

- The development with access to the Crookhaven River shore would result in degradation of Aboriginal middens and Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Environmental

- The housing estate would require clearing of over 47 ha of Currambene Lowland Coastal Forest and so greatly impact a habitat corridor which extends west to the Shoalhaven escarpment and north to the Crookhaven River Wetlands.
- The removal of any habitat in unburned coastal forest, when so much of the South Coast forests were destroyed in the 2019-2020 fires, is of great concern to me.
- The development would take out habitat for a number of woodland fauna and flora species, some of which have threatened status, like the Powerful Owl and Glossy Black Cockatoo.
- The risk for flow-on impacts through increased populations could have indirect impacts on the wider Culburra Beach environment, including Lake Wollumboola’s internationally significant birdlife.

Commercial

- Any impact on the Coastal Wetlands in Curleys Bay and along the Crookhaven River could cause water quality issues which could be devastating for the oyster and fishing industries.

If you have any queries on this submission please contact us on .

Yours sincerely,

