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**I heavily object to the proposed West Culburra Concept Proposal SSD 3846 at Culburra Beach.**

There are so many reasons, I don't have the paper to list them.

I will simply be addressing a short yet important list.

- Cultural Heritage
- Stolen land
- Destruction
- Retention of unburnt, unspoilt natural environment
- Inability to maintain current residents
- Small town community functionality & the importance of it
- Tourism, busting the dying myth & addressing the current environmental attractions
- Legitimate requirements, not met at current population
- Halloran, existing cleared land (use it if its such an important legacy)
- Existing thriving businesses, thrown under the bus for greed

Cultural Heritage

Why do we address Country & the Custodians of this Land?

Why do we say "sorry"?

Why do we *consult* with Elders, yet blatantly do the opposite of their recommendations?

Why do we desecrate sacred sites?

Greed, insincerity & disrespect.

Why is this proposal on the table? Greed.

Why are a very deceased & outdated mans 'wishes' still being pushed? Greed.

Why is an ex realty owner one of the biggest pushers? Greed.

Why does a 'trust' hire out of town organisations, when they state, "supporting local employment"? Insincerity.

Who exactly did Halloran pay, when 'buying' the Land?

No one. It's stolen. Give it back.

Destruction

Maybe this is a new concept for your department – but destruction *is not progress*.

Preservation is progress.

Look around.

The whole world is pushing to retain what is left of the natural earth.

Australia is a leader in destruction.

We have the highest extinction rates.

I am not proud.

The lay person is doing all things possible to preserve & positions in power appear to fight it at every turn.

Why? Greed.

Can you eat or breathe money? NO.

I beg you to wake up.

### Retention

No one can deny the incredible damage our coast suffered during the 2019/2020 fires.  
It is widely reported that retention methods must be implemented immediately.  
To help maintain the flora & fauna that remains.

Explain to me, how clearing hectare after hectare of pristine forest & wetland is PROACTIVE for environmental retention.

Be **accountable** to the decisions you seek to make, on the behalf of all who will suffer from it.

Don't start on the 'there's plenty of bush for the animals to relocate to' nonsense.  
There isn't. It doesn't work like that.

Be sure to take into account ecology, the vulnerable nature of habitat requirements & territorial zones.

### Halloran

IF it is so extremely vital for the 'vision to be accomplished at all costs' – why isn't the existing cleared land being used instead?

Heads up, apparently, it's too important to maintain the heritage. HA HA HA.

Do you see the joke?

The balance of residents are trying to "maintain natural heritage" while Halloran Trust (H.T) seek to maintain what?  
Cow grass & a hut.  
Insidious.

H.T has a desire to create utter destruction.  
To destroy the very essence of Culburra Beach, Currarong & Callala Bay.

It is a backward, outdated concept.

### Tourism

Have you been here when they come?  
No parking, rubbish everywhere, vandalistic behaviour.

Why do they come?  
The environment.  
The small town, community vibe.  
The lack of 'big city centres'.

Put simply- they come because of what our area is NOW.  
Not for more of what they seek to leave behind.

Seriously, the hype generated by 'pro progress associations' is revolting.  
Fear mongering rubbish.

The township is flourishing.  
Locals support local business.  
Tourists support local businesses.

The businesses that do not thrive, are not in it for business.

We have several new businesses which are vibrantly successful.  
We have existing businesses which are vibrantly successful.

More fear mongering. The townships are not struggling, nor are they dying. There is higher residency in Culburra Beach now than ever before. You have the stats, review them.

### Small town community

Covid19 – see any of it here? Nope.

Did the travellers bring it in? Yep.

What is different in a small community?

We value each other.

It isn't me, me, me. It's us, all of us.

The division this proposal brings to our community, in & of its own volition, is revolting.

This should highlight just how inappropriate the proposition is.

Why isn't this being considered? Greed.

### Inability to meet current resident needs

The roads for one.

It took almost three (3) years, to replace a bridge.

All works undertaken in this region take a ridiculous amount of time & are mostly, poorly executed.

Review Penguin Head Road, (skate park end). The road is utterly atrocious.

Review Brighton Parade, it is in dire condition.

Why is the current infrastructure overlooked?

New is not better. If you cannot maintain the area in its current size, why do you feel it is viable & promotable to expand?

Before ANY thought or planning is proposed for increased population/residency, we require **existing residents needs to be met.**

High school for our children – why is it plausible for children to be ON BUSES at 7am? To reach school by 9am.

Most adults in the region are NOT leaving home at this time for work. Why should our children?

There are more than enough local children, to immediately fill a high school within the Culburra Beach region.

Tend to what & who you have currently, before planning to add excess homes – which will increase pressure on existing services.

### Wind & Noise pollution

I live opposite Curley's Bay.

The tranquillity is why we relocated to Culburra Beach.

To escape the never ending chaos of Sydney.

The wind that rips through the Bay (with the protection of the Forest) is ferocious.

Developing any part of this region, will see a quadruple increase in high wind currents.

Noise pollution – not only from the destruction of important natural environments, but from the ongoing raucous human activity which will follow.

Sound travels longer, louder & faster over water.

Why should all existing residents suffer for greed?

There is no positive outcome from this proposal. None. Not one.

### Limiting submissions process

There is large illiteracy within the Shoalhaven region, especially within Culburra Beach.

The process of submission eliminates the possibility of people who have opinions (which count) are ineligible due to inaccessibility of a) email addresses b) ability to express concerns via illiteracy c) unnecessarily complicated processes d)

unclear submissions closure times e) educational disadvantage f) vulnerable Indigenous community, intergenerational trauma.

Is this because it's easier to discount the greater populations wishes?

Community consultation is a farce. "Supporter only meetings". What is going on?

Cultural recognition, heritage retention, tourism

Open the Land to Aboriginal guided tourism.

You will make far more money over the long term, by giving the rightful Landowners employment – to share Culture, Heritage & undisturbed natural environment tours.

THINK Laterally NOT SECULARLY.

Walk the talk.

Stop being hypocrites.

Council slogan

"Welcome to the South Coast, untouched natural beauty".

REALLY??????? What are you thinking?

At every opportunity, lets develop, lets increase, lets destroy.  
Come on. Truly.

The 'new Byron Bay'

Why do we need a new Byron Bay?

Because Byron Bay has become commercialised & people are no longer interested.

What does Culburra Beach gain to benefit from this sad occurrence?

People who would be travelling to Byron Bay, are **now choosing Culburra Beach**.

Ruin it, with this & any other form of development – you will lose the culture, significance & the entire 'attraction' of Culburra Beach.

People come here for what it **currently is**.

Change it, you lose, we lose, everyone loses.

Do not do it.

Sincerely,

Emma Hood