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In Relation To:
 Application No: SSD 8660
 Location: 90 Gindurra Rd, Sommersby
 (Lot 4 DP 227279)
 Applicant: Davis Earthmoving & Quarrying
 Pty Ltd
 Council Area: Central Coast
 Consent Authority: Minister for
 Planning or
 Independent Planning
 Commission

Sydney's refuse tip adjoins Rural Residential Zone at Somersby

Dear sir

This development fails to comply with the Central Coast Regional Plan and therefore should be refused. The clear intentions of the CCRP are to create a Business Park at Sommersby, entirely with non-polluting, clean, ecologically sustainable activities as unambiguously reported in the Regional Plan p18.

The CCRP does not permit polluting industries that will crush 200,000 tonnes of building products per annum; increase truck activity in the area by 200+ trucks per day, needlessly clear endangered Pygmy Possum habitat which contravenes Action 2.6 of the CCRP.

If Planning Instruments do not include the detail reported in the CCRP, then there is a very serious problem to be addressed, as the public have been misled regarding the aims and objectives of the Regional Plan.

This same situation applied to a Development Application, assessed by the HCC Joint Regional Planning Panel on the 23 Aug 2018. The JRPP was advised that planning instruments used to assess the DA did not apply, as they did not include public input to cover the development proposed. The scale and character of the development was not envisaged then, and the public assumed the existing character and scale of development would continue into the future. The public could not visualise the quantity of development variations applicable to the zone. The number of variations is only limited to the applicants imagination and knowledge of planning instruments, unlike the public.

The fear of the future was displayed in the Express Advocate on 14 March. Notification of the Draft Somersby to Erina Corridor Strategy with the attached comment; the Draft Strategy will guide growth and investment in six centres.

I was not aware growth and investment did not create waste. Is this new technology?

Recently the CC Council conducted five community meetings to discuss it's Climate Change Policy.

Large responses on the need to address food security was highlighted. Farmers in the area of the proposed development are very concerned that air borne particles blown from the Gindurra Rd site will contaminate their crops, with a negative yield and financial return without notice.

Needless to say this will be distressing for the farmers, with a flowon impact on local consumers.

The Council's Climate Change community meetings included a whole of Council commitment.

Tradeing=off food security to approve a waste processing plant is ridiculous as we face the dire impacts of climate change.

Action 2.6 of the CCRP states; protect environmental values along the Southern Growth Corridor.

- * The heritage value of the Gosford Farm Home for Boys is almost lost forever. Unless action is taken to protect environmental values, it will not be far into the future before natural beauty is a thing of the past, with unknown consequences such as a higher Heat Island Effect as experienced at Ettalong Beach.

You will note on p18 of the CCRP the following zone use; residential, health, education, knowledge based industries, professional services, sport and leisure, agribusiness, food manufacturing, high-tech manufacturing and clean technologies. You will also comment on the omission of waste processing facilities which is a stark contrast to the desired environmental character/business combinations in the Sommersby Business Park.

Having a gross polluting business at the gateway of Gosford and the Central Coast could establish a precedent for future non-compliant development.

It may not be as obvious as former heavy industry sites, however it should be noted, pollution is now more insidious. Giant chimney's are not the only signs of pollution, as many will testify.

Are Sydneys problems being forced onto the innocent residents of the Central Coast? Are we establishing a waste stream?

No, not when growth and investment still dominate, and waste is waste.

Yours Sincerely



* Sent to the Mountain- Author Valerie Rubie