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I wish to put forward my opinion to the Cultural centre in Coffs Harbour and show at this point I am against the proposal.

First off, I find it insulting that the mayor wants it to be known as a Culture centre when half of the building will be for council chambers. I'm in agreement we need a new library and art gallery, but for the issue of the museum I can't see why it has to be relocated. There is ample space for the museum to be extended at the current site if needed, it was put there a few years ago as it was the original police station and perfect for the history of Coffs. The council bought this building to save the heritage and now think nothing of selling it off. After attending the council meetings we are aware that the current council building has always had the option of going up another level, there is nothing wrong with this building so why haven't they considered this !!!!!, it is in the perfect position easy accessible. Maybe if they made the cultural centre into just that for CULTURE and also smaller and affordable it could provide a bit of extra parking.

It is also the cost of the building at \$76 million that is outrageous. The mayor says there will be no rate rises but who is to say that in the future. The council is really good at buying and selling buildings when the whim takes them, prime example our old library which got sold off to the RSL club for parking !!! This whole project really needs to be examined fully and not be an ego project for some people, and because of this I am against it till further discussion is done.

Yours Truly