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ATTENTION: DIRECTOR – KEY SITES ASSESSMENTS

Planning and Assessment

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

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Dear Director,

OBJECTION

State Significant Development Application No: SSD-10300

Coffs Harbour Cultural and Civic Space

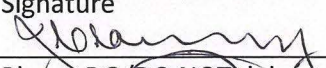
I object to the Development Application and request that a Public Hearing be held.

The reasons for my objection are as follows:

1. The original public proposal included Performing Arts space and did not include Council offices.
2. There has been no meaningful community engagement for the inclusion of Council Chambers.
3. Council has restricted its invited consultation to special interest groups.
4. 14,768 residents have signed a community petition calling the project to be suspended, which has been ignored by Council.

Other issues:

- (1) PARKING: There is already a scarcity of parking in this city area & in fact in early FEB, when the local schools conduct their swimming carnivals, parking in this area is non-existent. Councils proposed new "cultural" centre will invite more users due to the addition of the Family History group, the Regional Museum, cafe, meeting rooms etc. Has additional parking costs included in their \$76m estimate?
- (2) COST Our Mayor in her letter to the Residents claims that there will be no increase in Council rates, she may be right BUT if Councils planned sell off of assets does not realise the amounts predicted then obviously the ratepayers will have to pick up the shortfall this may ~~be~~ not be an increase in rates but less spending on capital works and/or a reduction in maintenance with the consequent reduction in the day work force.

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