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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.
5. The proposal is contrary to the objectives of the B3 Commercial zoning. Reason being:
 - a) provision of unnecessary Council office space which fails to provide suitable land use that services the needs of the local and wider community,
 - b) duplicates existing Council office space, consumes space otherwise available to encourage appropriate employment opportunities in accessible locations,
 - c) the building is out of character with surrounding development and hence disrupts the streetscape rhythm,
 - d) includes an unsafe arcade comprising pedestrian links and fails to provide a safe public domain.

Other issues:

I like the ideas of the Arts to have a better place but I don't like the ideas that the Council and Chambers are in the same place. We need an entertainment centre, I don't like the cost as it will put our rates up sooner or later. There is just not enough parking.

Signature

Diane Ward

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