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ATTENTION: DIRECTOR – KEY SITES ASSESSMENTS

Planning and Assessment

Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

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Sydney NSW 2001

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. There has been no meaningful community engagement for the inclusion of a Council Chambers in what was meant to be a Cultural Centre.
2. The original public proposal included a Performing Arts space and did not include Council offices. The Performing Arts component has now been dropped.
3. Almost 15,000 residents have now signed a community petition calling the project to be suspended to allow for more in depth consultation and alternative option analysis. This has been ignored by Council.
4. Council has restricted its invited consultation to special interest groups.
5. In a practical sense, the building is redundant before it is commenced. Council's only future option will be to eject the Library and Art Gallery and consume their zones, as it did with the Performing Arts space.
6. Unlike the existing Council Chambers, there is no scope to expand the proposed building. Council space is less than the existing building area, forcing staff to work externally. There is no "future proofing" capacity built into this proposal.
7. Insufficient on-site and visitor parking facilities are proposed. Erroneous reliance on parking allocation from existing Council buildings and public parking that is already highly stressed and even over occupied, with heightened future demand issues within the constrained nearby CBD precinct
8. Increased traffic congestion will result.
9. The scale of the building is significantly larger and inconsistent with surrounding buildings.
10. Poor pedestrian access and lack of pedestrian crossings to deal with increased traffic.

Signature _____

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