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Dear Sir,

APPLICATION NO: MP 06 0025 MOD 5

I refer to your recent newspaper advertisement of the above modification to the Vincentia District Centre. At the outset, I would like to say that this is NOT a modification, but a completely new proposal. It has no resemblance to previous proposals and as such should be treated accordingly.

The original proposal for this Centre was for a construction which would be 'nestled in the bush'. This modification is nothing but 'another shopping centre'. The original proposal sought input from the residents and the final approved design incorporated many of the community's proposals for a Centre we could be proud off. What we now have before us is a proposal which goes against all the reasons why people have moved to this area and are proud of it.

Fabcot cleared the land over twelve months ago which caused much community concern. We now have a proposal which builds on only a small amount of the cleared land leaving a scared and disgraceful entrance to our beautiful area. The (extremely) limited proposals for planting of suitable vegetation to meet the 'nestled in the bush' concept are disappointing. Do Fabcot or the Department care about the bushland; one would suggest not by the way this proposal has been handled and the way the residents and concerned citizens have been treated.

We are currently well served for supermarkets and have a need for a district centre. We do not need any additional fast food outlets (or whatever Fabcot wish to call them), particularly so close to public schools. Obviously Fabcot do not care about the obesity problem of our younger generation.

I would like to see the Department go back to the first approval for this site and the community input at the time. I believe there is a need to compare the original approval to the proposal currently on the table. The original approval had some reservations from the community, but at least it was community designed.

In short, I believe the Department should refuse the current 'modification' as it does not meet the community's requirements. The arguments put forward by Fabcot are, to say the least, flawed and that this is sufficient grounds to decline the proposal.

Yours sincerely

RJ Clark