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This development is inappropriate for the area for the following reasons:

There has been no acknowledgement in this new application of the scientific committee's listing of 2 Endangered Ecological Vegetation Communities which cover a large proportion of the Huntlee site, Central Hunter Grey Box Ironbark Woodland and Central Hunter Ironbark Spotted Gum Forest. No amount of offset land can make up for the loss of these vegetation communities which now exist only on the floor off the Hunter Valley.

The entire Huntlee site was deemed as inappropriate by the Dept of Planning long before it was included in the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy. This was determined on biodiversity values and absense of infrastructure, neither of which have changed. In fact, the Scientific Committee's listing has strengthened this biodiversity objection.

This subdivision can easily be seen as another small lot subdivision at the end of a motorway without public transport. This will mean that residents will have to use private vehicles which will contibute to Greenhouse gases. There remains the question of rehabilitation of contaminated areas of the site which has not been resolved. Large amounts of toxic materials have been buried on the old Ayrefield mine site, according to locals who previously worked there.

There are many other degraded areas on the floor of the Hunter which would be more appropriate for a housing development.

Some information being circulated by the developer about this project is quite misleading.

For the above reasons, I object to this development.

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