



## **Community Environment Network Inc.**

*An alliance of community and environment groups from Lake Macquarie and the Central Coast.*

20<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
Department of Planning and Environment  
PO Box 1148  
Gosford NSW 2250  
Attention: Louise Starkey

### **Development Application for 89 John Whiteway Drive, Gosford (SSD 10321)**

Dear Ms Starkey

This is a submission from the Community Environment Network regarding the development application for 89 John Whiteway Drive, Gosford. A detailed submission with our grounds for objection is attached.

The Community Environment Network is an alliance of community and environment groups from the Central Coast and Lake Macquarie LGAs. We are a not-for-profit, community based organisation that works for ecologically sustainable development and against threats to it. Our membership is approximately 400 including 90 groups with an affiliated membership of approximately 5,000.

CEN is a non-political organisation and has not made any donation to a political party in the last two years.

CEN is opposed to the approval of the proposed development because it considers that the Clause 4.6 request for a variation in development standards has not been justified.

This is a classic planning trade-off: the developer and their clients would like to have the private benefit of increased development potential whereas the wider community wishes to minimize the public cost of a reduction in the quality of the wider environment.

CEN does not accept that the public loss of amenity that this development would cause is negligible. The applicant has not "justified the contravention of the development standard by demonstrating that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary", as required by clause 4.6(3)(a).

Yours sincerely

Michael Conroy  
Executive Member  
Community Environment Network