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From:OSCAR Mail <mail@oscar.org.au>

To:treasurer@ministerial.qld.gov.au

To the Treasurer and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning

Please find attached a copy of a **submission** sent to Minister Jones via her senior policy adviser Don Wilson, in relation to the proposal by Consolidated Properties Group for a residential/mixed-use and wave pool development at Coolum West on the Maroochy floodplain. We have previously sent you a copy of the letter sent to Minister Jones in early June 2020.

Both the previously sent letter and this submission now being sent to you, were sent to Minister Jones on behalf of community, surfing, residential and environmental associations including:

Coolum Residents Association (CRA), Friends of Yaroomba, Surfrider Foundation (Sunshine Coast), Development Watch, the Sunshine Coast Environment Council (SCEC) and Organisation of Sunshine Coast Association of Residents (OSCAR).

We are urging the State Government not to declare a Priority Development Area (PDA) designation over this area or allow development of the flood plains at Coolum West.

As the Planning portfolio is within your portfolios of responsibility it was felt that a copy of the submission to Minister Jones should also be seen by yourself and your departmental officers. We understand that the Department of State Development has approached Department of Planning officers in relation to this proposal. We are also aware of a letter sent from you as Planning Minister to a resident indicating that under the SEQRP (Shaping SEQ) the residential and mixed use components of this proposal are prohibited activities.

The Sunshine Coast Council is opposed to this proposed development and has made this known to the State Government at all levels. This proposal is not a tourism opportunity but is in fact urban development

We know this project is being promulgated using COVID-19 to advance the argument for a PDA declaration at this site. The community supports many of the initiatives of the Queensland State Government to boost economic development. However, we would hope that the Queensland government will not condone an ecologically unsustainable development proposal under the guise of it being "shovel ready" as the developer claims or as deserving of State government financial support.

We urge you to read this submission and use your considerable influence and advocacy skills to have the government see that this is not a tourism opportunity but a blatant example of urban development in a prohibited location. We are also asking you to advocate to the Government on the community's behalf.

Given the significance of this project and status we request an urgent meeting with you as Planning Minister. If it is more convenient for us to meet with you and Minister Jones at the same time we are comfortable also with such an arrangement.

Melva Hobson PSM
President

Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents (OSCAR) on behalf of the community groups listed above.