

**Kathy Bradburn**

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**From:** Greg McCann <gmccann@excentor.com.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 22 October 2021 10:00 AM  
**To:** development  
**Subject:** Attention Ms Lyn Eyles

Dear Ms Eyles,

We own a home and 70 acres bordering on Arthurs Lake in the Central Highlands. The key reason why we own this property is its tranquillity in a natural bush setting where birds, animals and fauna can exist and be admired. After a major health scare and over 12 months of ongoing treatment, the Highlands offers unique peace, quietness and a healthy lifestyle for us.

We are aware of the proposed changes to the planning scheme and are gravely concerned that there could be unintended negative impacts should the area be transitioned from the Rural Resource Zone to Agriculture in many places throughout the Highlands Lakes. Whilst we do not object to the current rural activities within the Central Highlands, it is not appropriate that non rural activities be permitted as a result of this proposed change.

**As a matter of urgency**, can you please confirm in writing why the Central Highlands Council's Draft Local Provisions Schedule has not applied a Scenic Protection Code. One of the area's strengths is its natural beauty and the Council needs to explain and justify to its ratepayers why the scenic values and unique character of the Highland Lakes area is being ignored in this manner.

We are not anti-development, but any development that is permissible through these proposed changes must respect the broad environment of the Central Highlands area and preserve the Highlands' character and the way of life of its residents.

Every development must be 'fit for purpose' and the Council has a responsibility and will be held liability for making changes to its zoning regulations that do not take into account the balanced wishes of its ratepayers, especially those changes resulting in a significant adverse impact on the local residents.

Finally, and **as a matter of urgency**, can you please provide a full explanation in writing why these changes are being proposed and what has initiated this action.

We look forward to receiving your detailed answers to our two specific questions.

Yours sincerely,

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