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Development Application Number

PA2022.0024

Address of Development

133 Middle Road
Miandetta 7310
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Details of representation

To the Devonport City Council

Objection to PA2022.0024 133 Middle Rd, Miandetta.

I would like to put forward my opposition to the proposed clearance of vegetation on the Devonfield site, Middle Road. I have no objection to subdivision of the old oval site but any large scale removal should be reconsidered.

There has been zero engagement with nearby residents who will be impacted by the proposal either by Devonfield or the Council, no planning permit notice or letter to adjoining properties. I would have thought an organization like them would have been more forthcoming with information and addressing any concern we may have.

The token gesture of the donation of the narrow unusable land as a park is novel but if this is some attempt to "preserve" the bush is pretty poor given its mostly the transmission line easement and periodically cleared.

The diagrams are misleading in the information provided by council as there are two sizes given in the plans of Lot 7- 72 527 sq m & in another plan 79 284 sq m.

My main concern is the suggested removal of 1ha of vegetation on lot 3 for fire risk, there has been no fire incident so far in regard to these trees and I'm sure the fire risk can be mitigated without removing these taller trees by undergrowth management and maybe select removal of the smaller trees closer to the current buildings.

The tall E. Obliqua trees on "Lot 3" provide a perching place for many passing raptors particularly Wedge Tails & Sea Eagles crossing from the Mersey River heading E-W from the Forth and Don. Also smaller birds of prey like White Goshawks, Hobbies and Falcons perch on these trees almost daily.

I look directly at these trees from my window and see far more than any consultant visiting the site for a brief time



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will ever know.

Never in any of these proposals are there any consideration to the native animals displaced, every night there are at least 20 wallaby on the devonfield lawn without the 20+ on the nature strip along Stony Rise Rd and on properties. Its regular for 10+ animals to be on my lawn every night plus possums, this number has increased since the development behind the homemaker center. More and more animals are getting forced into smaller areas to live and this bush would have also received a few fleeing from the other clearing in the area, maybe some consideration should be made into the increase in roadkill and damage to people's gardens by these animals which would be displaced by any clearance.

Given Devonfield is supposed to be a "not for profit" I'm sure they can donate the entirety of the bushland as a reserve and be un effected by any monetary "loss" they may incur and still make a "profit" from the other areas already cleared.

The mental health of people surrounding this forest will be greatly affected by this development, people who have for decades enjoyed the visual amenity of the bushland behind and surrounding their properties, enjoyed seeing the wildlife which inhabit it and shelter it provides.

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Consent

✓ I agree that all the information i have provided is accurate and is truthful.

Privacy Consent

✓ I agree to the privacy policy of the Devonport City Council.

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