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Dear Mayor and Councillors of Central Coast

Congratulations to Central Coast Council for the fabulous shared pathways.

As a regular user of these paths I highly value and appreciate having them in our area. The high usage rate is an indication that many others value them also. Thank you.

Our coastline, and the magnificent views along these pathways, is a major POINT of DIFFERENCE, as is our community's willingness to ensure everyone is looked after in a safe and secure place.

A concern I have after reading about the potential development of the Penguin Caravan Park is that POINT of DIFFERENCE would be compromised with a four story high structure (plus several smaller structures) on the foreshore, potentially removing the homes of vulnerable people, and destroying, forever, the natural beauty of the area with a building not appropriate to that environment.

Whilst it has been a caravan park for over 40 years I believe the evolution of temporary 'homes' becoming permanent is testament to the community caring and ensuring people have a safe and affordable place to live, a situation that been allowed to continue for many years.

The allure of having a new up-market tourist facility in the municipality no doubt would be very tempting from a Council's financial perspective but I strongly believe we need to look at the much bigger picture.

My belief that new ideas and new businesses need to be encouraged when appropriate and not just because they meet all planning requirements.

Will the Councillors reassure me anybody who is displaced by this development will be guaranteed a satisfactory alternative place to live? It would be good to hear that social housing was being developed in our area.

Many coastal areas around the country have been forever changed (and ruined) by the development of high rise buildings. These changes all started with one building! I don't want that for Central Coast.

As Central Coast Councillors do you want your legacy to be the potential start of inappropriate buildings on our coastline for the benefit of developers who can afford to do so at the cost of beautiful coastlines, gentle lifestyles and vulnerable communities?

Central Coast area is the beautiful place it is because, whilst it has grown and developed over the years, it still has it's natural beauty in its caring for its people and in its landscape.

Penguin, and the entire Central Coast, is unique and deserves to stay unique. That does not mean it can't grow, and be enjoyed by many.

Please consider these POINTS of DIFFERENCE when deciding what the community needs compared to what developers want.

Thank you  
Kind regards  
Chris Lehman

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