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To: Huon Valley Council
Cc: Rae Mibus
Subject: PROPOSED ROWE development, Cygnet Esplanade Rd, Channel Highway.

Attn: Council of Huon Valley

It is with extreme concern I have learnt of the latest proposal of intensive housing development that threatens to further denigrate the village environs of Cygnet, a town so unique in the Huon Valley. Locals and visitors highlight the last serious compromise to our environs, the 'Lourdes Rise' strip of small blocks, cheap house construction effort that dominates this development, right on the edge of town. Does Council listen or see? I know of one building contractor who was involved in some of these dubious construction efforts and aesthetics are the last thing considered, it is total profit maximisation, 'building a speckky', to a minimum build price and it shows!

So here we are again, with a proposal triple the size on tiny blocks with profits front and centre of the thinking. This is not Kingston, or a Margate, where intensive housing developments within commuting distance of the CBD remain viable with services coping with such density. Intensive housing developments are not appropriate to this village atmosphere, however, quality, sensitive developments that have architectural merit that relates to the history and atmosphere of the village of Cygnet remains vital. We would not expect to see such an abominable, intensive, ham fist ed approaches in other sensitive tourist destinations, say, Evandale, in the north of the state.

While 'red tape' has been cut to favour quick approval of such developments and housing approval, what we have here is a serious compromise to one of the great Huon Valley tourist destinations that leaves impact on visitors. The rising success of the Cygnet Folk festival is a case in point that draws international recognition. Locals feel not listened to now and when awareness dawns regarding this proposal, it will turn to anger and resentment. We deserve better and expect better of council to set a high standard and a sensitive approach, not quick profits for a few leaving behind another substandard blot on the environs.

Lift the standard, lift the bar if you will, but council, please, lift your game and consider this carefully. We residents deserve and expect better than another 'Lourdes Rise' eyesore.

Thanks for listening and would be happy to hear back.
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