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Subject: Representations 17 Church St Campbell Town

The Planning Officer
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Dear Sir / Madam

REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST REZONING 17 CHURCH STREET CAMPBELL TOWN.

The idea of relocation the Campbell Town Fire Station to a “back street” in Campbell Town, is one of the more absurd things I have heard in recent times.

The area earmarked for relocation is set in a quiet residential area, and boasts a series of difficult traffic flows to get to the main street of Campbell Town where the current facility exists.

The school is located at the end of Church St and would prove a danger ongoing, most particularly at drop off and collection times, and likely prove a traffic hazard at these times.

The Council, at the request of the Campbell Town School recently asked for a pedestrian underpass (currently under construction), for the increased safety of children on the adjoining roadway (Main St) to the school, and now suggest it logical to increase danger levels by running emergency traffic past the school from the other side.

After the challenge of narrow streetscapes, traffic and pedestrians, you either take a left or right to simply get to the main road through streets not designed or conducive to Emergency Service Vehicle use on and ongoing basis.

Due to the location and the street network, the extra time to get too and from the location by volunteers would be considerable also. Again adding further risk given the school would need to passed yet again.

Then for two days a year you would additionally have the the Show Grounds at full capacity further inhibiting traffic flow and public safety.

Further, the area is a quiet residential prescient with Heritage houses in the area, totally unfitting for a Fire Station that currently sits in a perfectly good location.

The proposal seems extremely short sighted, and it appears influenced by matters outside that of a normal planning process and logical process for locating emergency services.

Placed simply there is very little upside to rezoning this land, and substantial downside. It simply defies any rational logic and appears a conjured plan for other reasons outside proper diligent planning processes.

The manner in which the Council have dealt with this, appears to support that logic.

Would it past the pub test, unequivocally no, so for the foremost Planning authority in the State to even consider this reasonable, would be remote I suggest.

Please can you ensure this is passed on to the appropriate area as a representation against the proposal.

Regards and Thanks

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