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Dear Chief Executive Officer

Please find attached information regarding the Notification of application under Section 38 of the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Ref: SF7239 - DA0506/2021 - Amendment 68.

Thank you

Darren Smith

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22nd December 2021

Chief Executive Officer
Launceston City Council
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Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: SF7239 – DA0506/2021 – Amendment 68

I draw your attention to a letter dated 11th December 2021 from Launceston City Council that was received in the mail 14th December 2021 and would like to forward my concerns and opinion as a resident of Warragul Street, Norwood.

I have reviewed your documentation that is available on your website, listened to the Council meeting and have also visited the Launceston Council office on 15th December 2021 and would like to express the following.

Wildlife Habitat

I do note that after residing at this location for some time, we have witnessed numerous native wildlife that use the 'recreational land' including Wallabies, Echidnas, Possums, nesting birds, ducks and bees that have habitats on this land. I do hope that this development of land does not disturb this.

Additional Residential Expansion

After receiving your notice on the 14th December 2021, I came across an article from The Examiner newspaper dated 29th May 2021 that explains that this proposal above, to rezone land from recreational to residential may also include a 2nd phase project that included the removal of up to 100 trees and additional house lots, hence the opening between blocks 2 and 3 on the plan at Negara Street to possibly create a road for additional buildings backing onto Warragul Street.

I listened to the Council meeting where one of your councillors expressed their concern and raised the question if the council was aware of this opening between blocks for a future proposal of extending this parcel of land to extend from the Negara Street opening all the way through to Opossum Road and therefore allow future development of this land which was shutdown with a 'let's deal with what's on the table' reply.

Whilst the current plan above appears less detrimental to property surrounding it, can you guarantee that the approval of the rezoning of this area does not include a 2nd phase project to rezone further parcels of land which have not reached public scrutiny?

Selling off land to make money – for what?

I do note that the vote was not 100% of Launceston Golf Club members and I do wonder why some members did not see the value of selling off land and feel they must understand the importance of holding onto land and habitat for future generations instead of an immediate cash injection into the coffers that will be deposited into a bank account. That the pleasure of walking around the golf course as it is now, the reason why they became members in the first place.

Are there plans that show where hole 6 will be moved to? I do wonder if the board lived here if they would have voted to remove land and possibly have numerous houses built in their backyard?

Whilst I appreciate the term you can't slow progress and I am sure I am telling you information that you are already aware of, but for the sake of making money to remove land, trees, animal habitat and the possible intention to change the overall appearance of Norwood and the reasons behind it was it will keep membership costs down and Covid-19 doesn't sound like the best thing for Launceston but rather an accumulation of money at the detriment of the environment.

The comment that it had already moved from Newstead is also concerning regarding why it was raised in a council meeting. Is the intention to keep selling off land at this site and then who reaps the benefits of millions of dollars sitting in a private bank account?

I do hope you sit back and really think if the start of this development or at the completion of phase 1 that phase 2 does not occur, is really the best thing long term for Launceston and the environment other than from the profit side and to ensure there is a guarantee that no additional extension of housing on the current Launceston Golf Club site will come to fruition and to hold onto as much land as possible as a long-term benefit to Launceston. As they say they are not making any more of it.

Please consider how your decision today will affect tomorrow.

Thank you

Regards

Darren Smith