

Dear TPC

In **Andrew North's report reference PSDPAMEND-2021-022802 Rezone land at Howrah to Landscape Conservation Zone** we would like to question the following sections of his report

2.4.4. The eastern bandicoot

The section suggests:

The larger grassy lawns in large established gardens of 125 Norma Street, 18 Newhaven drive and 5 Zenith court all provide good quality eastern bandicoot habitat..

- We have never witnessed the presence of a bandicoot in the 16 years we have been living there but regularly see them on the walking track down by Howrah school where they seem to inhabit those lawns.
- For all residents of Howrah and probably most of the eastern shore the bandicoots can run on any lawns, bandicoots are not usually selective to large lawns over smaller lawns. I am not sure what evidence there is to say which lawns they prefer?

2.5.1 Native Vegetation of local importance

The following was documented

It is not clear how or who can identify vegetation of local importance. The report then goes on to suggest vegetation of importance-this is clearly a conflict in the content of the report

I have attached photos into this document that clearly show we do not have any threatened vegetation communities at 18 Newhaven drive. It is clearly just a normal suburban block of land and not defined clearly in the report

- The first photos are of our northern boundary with 5 Zenith court that clearly show the conifers that we have planted as screens and they are not a threatened species
- The other photos are our front lawn with no evidence of bandicoots or their burrows.

Finally we would like to note that in Andrew North's report section **B 2.2 Mapping he refers to the use of**

Aerial photography (drone and other sources... was used to further interpret vegetation boundaries.

Between 11 and 13 January my daughter walked outside our back atrium door and there was a drone directly low overhead-at our back door- as soon as the drone saw her it sped off to the neighbouring property.

We notified the Clarence city council as we were NOT asked by any Ecologists Biodiversity expert team whether they could use a drone over our property and my daughter found this

extremely distressing at the time. The council had not received any requests to fly a drone over our property as we contacted them immediately.

Thanks very much for considering our evidence in our reply to Andrew Norths report.

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Boundary fence with 5 Zenith Court



Front lawn with no evidence of bandicoots

