

SUBMISSION 83

Dear Council Representative,

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Declaration: I do not stand to gain commercial advantage from my submission.

Statement: I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed change in lot size to 1 hectare. While I understand the potential benefits of increased housing, I believe it is crucial to address several issues before moving forward.

1. Traffic Congestion:

The current traffic congestion during peak hours is already a significant concern. A reduction in lot size may exacerbate the problem, leading to further traffic jams and safety issues on our roads, particularly State Highway Two.

2. Highway Accidents:

Given the existing number of accidents on State Highway Two, including casualties, it is imperative to assess how the increased housing density might impact road safety. Safety should be a top priority in any development plan.

3. Water Availability and Runoff:

The additional houses may strain our water resources, and runoff drainage must be carefully managed to prevent environmental degradation. It's crucial to ensure that the local water infrastructure can adequately support the proposed changes.

4. Sewage Management:

The capacity of our sewage systems must be thoroughly evaluated to accommodate the influx of residents. An overwhelmed sewage system could lead to environmental hazards and health risks for the community.

5. Community Consultation:

I am concerned about the apparent lack of consultation with local residents. It is essential to involve the community in decision-making processes to ensure that their needs, concerns, and insights are considered. I urge the council to conduct a comprehensive impact assessment addressing these issues before proceeding with the proposed lot size change. Additionally, increased transparency and community involvement in the decision-making process will contribute to a more inclusive and well-informed development plan. Thank you for considering these concerns, and I look forward to a thoughtful and responsible decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Angela Greig

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