

SUBMISSION 84

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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.

Dear Council Representative,

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the proposed reduction in lot size to 1 hectare in our community. Several critical issues need to be addressed before such a decision is made.

1. Traffic Congestion: The current traffic situation during peak hours is already problematic. A reduction in lot size without adequate infrastructure improvements may exacerbate the existing congestion issues, leading to more significant traffic problems and potential safety hazards.

2. Highway Safety: Our state highway, particularly Highway Two, has witnessed a concerning number of accidents, some resulting in casualties. Before implementing changes in lot sizes, it is crucial to assess the impact on highway safety and consider necessary upgrades to prevent further incidents.

3. Water Management: The additional houses permitted under the proposed changes will likely strain the existing water resources. Proper consideration must be given to ensure the availability of water and the prevention of adverse effects on run-off drains, which could lead to environmental consequences.

4. Sewage Infrastructure: A potential increase in housing units necessitates a thorough examination of our sewage infrastructure. It is essential to evaluate the capacity of the existing systems and make necessary adjustments to accommodate the additional load, preventing any adverse impact on public health and the environment.

5. Community Consultation: Lastly, the lack of consultation with local residents is disconcerting. Meaningful community engagement is vital in decisions that directly affect our neighborhood. I urge the council to prioritize open communication and involve the residents in the decision-making process.

I kindly request that the council thoroughly assess and address these concerns before finalising any decisions related to lot size reduction. Our community's well-being and safety should be paramount in such considerations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Regards

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