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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed approval for the Kings Forest Modification under consideration by the Independent Planning Commission.

I want to raise, first of all, my disappointment that the community is, yet again, in the position that it has to act to protect community interests and the local koala population from the Kings Forest residential development.

We are now dealing with the fourth application to modify the original consent conditions. We, as a community, do not get an opportunity to seek modifications of the consent conditions to make them more stringent, yet we have had to repeatedly respond to the developer's modification applications.

This development was first approved six years ago and yet, in that time not one house has been built nor one permanent road constructed nor one koala food tree planted. There is still no formal agreement nor timeframe for planting of the 27ha koala food trees in Cudgen Nature Reserve as an offset, despite this being in the original consent conditions. Indeed, the 27ha, or an alternative site, has still not been identified.

The local koala population is at great risk from this development and other factors, so time is of the essence.

Protection of the local koala population should take absolute priority over the wishes and interests of the developer.

Accordingly, I ask that you rule that the Koala Plan of Management and the approval modifications should require strategies that ensure:

- Koalas have unimpeded access to, and between, areas of koala habitat and food trees
- Areas of human habitation are fenced off from koala habitat rather than the reverse
- The golf course (currently known as the Cudgen paddock) retains its planned role as a wildlife corridor, rather than being fenced in (as shown in maps in the KPOM)
- Underpasses are provided to all roads at regular intervals
- Construction of koala protection works takes place ahead of construction related to housing
- Details relating to the planting of the 27ha of koala food trees in Cudgen Nature Reserve must be finalised before any development or construction work takes place.

Yours sincerely

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