Culburra West Development proposal

I have been a resident in Culburra Beach since mid 2005 and chose this village to retire to because of the facilities it provides and its growth potential.

It is with growing horror that I learned that a generous proposal to add a concept housing and leisure extension to our village that is vigorously supported by a large majority of residents might not be passed and much of the report by the IPC NSW had been based on outdated information.

Our village I feel, has the possibility of having an Eco-style development built here thanks to the generosity of Mr W. Halloran. We have the opportunity to use advanced knowledge in ecology protection to create a significant low impact housing and leisure area.

Nowhere do I see the intention to ignore the birdlife, fauna and cultural significance that has been identified and would like to see these aforementioned items celebrated and provided with additional protection once the project gets the go-ahead.

My 1960s residence does not have curb and guttering so most of our storm water run-off goes directly into the Crookhaven River albeit over the Crown Land in front of my property. I understand that the concept proposed by the Halloran Trust would be required to ensure modern day planning and environmental protections put in place.

I am an active member of our Rural Fire Service in the Culburra Beach and Orient Point Brigade with over 30 years of service in NSW as I believe in the ethic of giving back to my community wherever I chose to live.

I am devasted that our hardware store that has existed for more than 30 years is now closing due to a downturn in business with other businesses suffering. I run a small Airbnb operation for a maximum of 2 people in my home and the recent addition of eateries and especially the Woolworths has made our location a very desirable short stay destination for many reasons. I believe that stifling our village’s growth is not in the interest of our community.