

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 Narrawallee Subdivision Modification 3 **OBJECTION**

I attended the Community Consultation meeting on Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019. Having listened to the 4 registered speakers and the reaction from other members of the public attending the meeting to each of these individual presentations, I concluded that there was overwhelming support for declining the modification to the plan, reference MP 06\_0276 MOD 3.

The main point raised repeatedly in all the talks except one was that the removal of even more natural bushland (including mature trees) to put in more houses was not acceptable. The speakers also had specific different viewpoints with which I agree as to why this modification should not go ahead as follows:

1. That the people who live or come to live in the Narrawallee area were/are drawn by the attraction of a bushland setting
2. existing nearby residential areas have many mature trees retained which as well as presenting an attractive visual amenity provides shade during hot and windy weather and privacy.
3. SCC originally planned to make Stage 8 into a reserve containing a playground however short of funds they relinquished the land to the developer. As there are adequate play grounds for young children and a sizeable park area for older children in close proximity, one speaker felt that the stage 8 area should be retained as is, to provide an educational aspect and a healthy pastime for children to play, learn and enjoy nature.

I am a Milton resident and a member of a local bird watching group and a member of National Parks Association Milton Branch. It is my belief that a majority of people love to interact with nature such as plants, trees, flowers, birds, butterflies, echidnas, lizards, etc. Our native animals and birds need bushland and mature trees for nesting, raising their young and foraging for food. My concern stems from the attitude of the developer and the fact that a state or local government agency has allowed the wholesale destruction of precious native habitat for this development and one can only wonder what will be the detrimental impact it will surely have in the long term on the adjacent estuary at Narrawallee Inlet. Only due to a strong public outcry did Hazcorp concede to retain two "islands" of bushland in the middle of the development. I was dumbfounded when I saw a photo provided by one of the speakers of the buffer zone created by Hazcorp at the northern end of this development which abuts Garrads Nature Reserve. It is a huge wall of man made materials which is inappropriate next to the natural setting of the reserve. A more sympathetic buffer area could have been provided with the use of native shrubs and grasses and a wire fence (if needed) which the planting of native climbing plants would help hide.

I believe that Hazcorp are attempting to maximise their profits and show disdain for the well-being of residents by destroying much desired public space and wildlife habitat in this development, to build more houses. The retention of the open and tree-ed natural space in Stage 8 (which would be further cleared by the modification) would provide more habitat for native species which have lost much of their previous habitat by the extensive, total under scrubbing and total tree removal characteristic of this development. The benefits for people living amongst nature cannot be underestimated. I am strongly against Stage 8 being developed for more houses and support retaining the area as is. I sincerely hope that further development in the surrounding area which has existing bushland, if allowed to proceed, will be subject to more stringent land clearing rules so that people and wildlife have the chance to live out a good life amongst a natural setting.

Thank you  
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