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Australia is a land of opportunity, a place to bring up families, a place to buy land and build a house, find work and pay for your house and chosen lifestyle.

Unless of course, you live in a place where only the birds are important.

Seriously, every day I am confronted by issues such as homelessness the lack of affordable housing, the plight of recently separated parents with nowhere to live and a tight rental market.

While housing specifically is not in the legislative responsibilities of a Federal MP, it certainly is when it's a serious issue for the constituents I try to help.

It is rare to find a community that has been working so hard to actually find a solution for these problems, and the wider community of Culburra Beach are certainly in support of this development, which is a pathway for housing solution.

My greatest concern is, that here we have a community that sees the need for an expanded population base in order to sustain future needs like local transport, small business survival, local convenience for services. Yet none of these outcomes will be

achievable if the population base does not expand because none of those outcomes will be financially viable.

I already have this exact situation in a number of other villages in the electorate

I have taken this information from the Council web site, so others may be putting forward the same information, irrespective of that it is worth repeating; residential development forecasts assume the number of dwellings in Culburra Beach - Orient Point will increase by an average of 20 dwellings per annum to 2,924 in 2036.

We as a community have the responsibility of making sure our housing stock meets our needs both now and in the future ^{which} ~~no~~ one can predict the demands that will exist, we can only model according to our current lifestyle, and current expectations of ^{the} services to be delivered.

Additional housing stock is a major driver of population growth in an area, providing opportunities for households to relocate from other ^{communities} areas or new ~~households~~ ^{including} to form locally ~~(such as)~~ ^{or} young people leaving the family home or separations/divorces ^{or}.

Residential development can take various forms depending on the availability of land. These include new housing estates on greenfield sites, subdivision in existing residential neighbourhoods (often called infill development), conversion of industrial lands to residential lands, and ^{increasing} densification of housing by building up.

Small area developments of this scale have the ability to provide a vast range of housing types and styles in order to resolve some of the housing issues that currently exist.

I would ask that consideration be given to the fact that this community, the majority of this community, are in favour of this development and its high time that the usually silent majority are given their voice.