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Dear Sir/Madam,

We missed the recent meeting as we were away.

I have lived and worked in Culburra Beach for over 25 years. Like many people I moved to the area because of its natural beauty and also because it was where growth was supposed to occur in the Shoalhaven. My wife and kids have lived here for the last decade and also work in the town.

During the last 25 years with no development many things have changed. The population of the town has decreased by about 20 percent because people of working age have moved elsewhere. Many businesses have closed or moved. Examples of services we have lost include concrete batching plant and garden supplies, bus company (we now have a much reduced service from a company based in Nowra), dentist, solicitor, psychiatrist, lawn mower sales and service, auto electrification and marine/boating sales and service, electronics store, plant nursery, one of the two service stations has closed, draftsman/house designer, smash repair workshop, the hardware store is about to close, as well as a large number of tradesmen that have left the town in search of work.

We were on the point of getting a high school in the early 1990s but with the number of working people leaving the town the number of children in the primary school has decreased by 25%. The average of the town's population has increased by nearly 20 years over the last 25 years. Many of the remaining businesses are struggling as the town is being taken over as a weekend retreat by people working in Sydney. Many people who have retired here and shouldn't or do not drive are being forced to move as services such as the dentist, regular bus service and now hardware store cease to exist and they are forced to drive or rely on friends for lifts 25km to the nearest available service.

Culburra Beach has become a victim of the government pandering to the radical side of the green movement for political reasons. I consider myself a conservationist and with a scientific background spend a lot of my professional time reading scientific papers. The gross and I would suspect deliberate inaccuracies in a lot of the "scientific" papers that have been used by opponents of development astound me. Likewise the vast majority of opposition to development has come from people who do not live or own land or have anything to do with the town and have no familiarity with the situation here. I have been involved with a number of conservation groups and am used to getting requests by the radical ends of these movements asking for people to write in opposing all sorts of projects that I know nothing about. Requests such as this have been sent out about development on a number of occasions over the last 25 years.

I hope common sense prevails and you allow us and our kids a future.

regards

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