

Casuarina Town Centre Concept and Project Approval

My name is Andrew Robinson and I am a resident that lives directly on the Northern boundary of the proposed town centre plus have an investment interest in Santai Resort which also bounds the Northern boundary.

I with the other residents on the northern boundary including Santai Resort, have rallied strongly over the past 10 years to retain and preserve the 20m buffer zone that was previously approved on the northern boundary of the town centre.

We view this buffer zone as an open space which is extremely important as it provides a separation between the existing residents and the town centre development and provides a vegetation corridor which can be accessed and used by not only the current residents of Casuarina but the wider growing community.

Various Master Plans have been completed over the years by several Developers with all of them seeking to reduce the 20m open space corridor.

The first plan lodged by Clarence Property Group seeked to include a road within the open space which if approved would have had a direct detrimental effect on the benefit that the open space provides for the community.

Over the past 15 months we have been working with Clarence Property Group to come up with a solution that satisfies everyone.

To Clarence Properties credit they have listened to our concerns and amended the plans to meet our needs and the current plans with the:

- Reinstatement of the 20m buffer zone
- The local road designed outside the open space corridor
- The deletion of the hotel use and changing it to residential lots
- And ensuring the future build on the medium density lots meets the Current Design Standards

has resulted in a town centre that is by far the best town centre plans completed to date.

The current proposed plans with the buffer zone reinstated addresses all of our concerns and we the residents on the northern boundary including Santai Resort support the proposed amended plans and seek the support of the Independent Planning Commission to approve the plans so that the long awaited Town Centre can finally be constructed and completed.