

My husband and I reside at [REDACTED] Narrawallee and the subject development adjoins the rear of our property. We did furnish a submission (1 of 215) when this development was first proposed in 2003. When the Draft Plan was approved in 2006, by the then State Planning Minister, the Honourable Frank Sartor the number of building blocks were then revised down from 196 to 163.

The plan provided for vegetated areas along the high points at both the northern and southern areas of the Development. There were to be children's play areas adjoining both of these locations. The southern park area which the developer is now proposing to turn into a further 6 building blocks was to form an extension to the existing reserve at the rear of our property.

Since the commencement of this development rumours have persisted that the Shoalhaven City Council were reluctant to manage the parklands. Whilst the Council may have concerns with the expenses concerned over the installation and ongoing maintenance of children's playground equipment it is not a reason to surrender this public land back to the developer.

If this land is to be resumed by the developer there is no other open spaces within the estate for children to play. It is our opinion that the land should be left as a park area with the retention of the existing trees for the purpose of shade and to cater for the bird inhabitants. The open areas of the park could be grassed to accommodate a safe play area for the children to play. This would not require a lot of maintenance.

The current land/home owners purchased land on this estate believing that certain areas were to remain vegetated, and that suitable parklands were provided for all to enjoy.

It is our opinion that once people have bought into the estate that no person or authority should have the right to alter the existing plan as it could be deemed to be a breach of contract.

Yours sincerely,

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