

Application 06_0135, Comberton Grange, Nowra.

Dear Sir/Madam

I have grave concerns regarding the Shaolin development on Comberton Grange, both environmental concerns and social concerns. The land is too sensitive for this kind of development, there will be so much traffic, more than any predictions on the application plans, giving rise to noise, pollution, therefore runoff into the creeks like oil from the cars etc. The area in my opinion should be given back to the original traditional owners. I purely cannot see the benefit of the temple being built close our community here in the bay and basin, because there will be minimal jobs and only to start with, all big projects around this area have used a lot of workers from elsewhere, we always seem to miss out, it's our area and we miss out on the jobs (my partner is a carpenter) so I personally have experienced this. As for tourists yes they may go to the temple and it has everything there so why would they stray over to the bay or basin area at all. They go to the temple for healing and experience and martial arts, everything is provided there for tourists, maybe if they didn't include all the tourist money making development we would benefit like food (we won't benefit, what about all the little food shops here), restaurants (what about ours), golf course (we have 2), and a bar (well we have many of those too) so all of what we have will just stay the same and the people who are involved in the development benefit from the money they will reap from developing on a sensitive ecosystem. None of it makes sense to me and just seems like this development will only create a bigger gap for the wealthy and the non-wealthy, and that gap is already significant in our area. How come people from China can come and live on this pristine land and get quality education and healing for their kids and we can't, what about all the kids from homes that aren't so great, what about their healing? The Shaolin say they care for the sick and the poor and the needy, I have not seen them around this area so I must accept that they have been compromised putting money before morals, or that they are prejudiced and do not think that we qualify for healing, but maybe for a price we could. This project will not benefit anyone but the Shaolin and the Chinese nationals, and perhaps the council. If it wasn't for Greg Watson this whole project wouldn't be applicable, this man has been known to burn the Aboriginal flag in the past, he is a racist, and a non-moral person, if the Shaolin were dealing with him really it says it all to me Buddha knows this man is not a moral man, everyone younger than 40 years of age know it as well it just so happens that we have a very aging population here and the majority are just not up to date, we are trying to plan futures here for our children, we cannot have this kind of destruction occurring if we are to live healthy happy lives.

Kind regards

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