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This is a submission related to 06_0309 Trinity Point Drive Modification to Mixed use Marina/tourist/residential (Concept plan) 06_0309 MOD 3.

This is an **objection** by Mr. FHS Tebbutt of the above address to the building of a helipad attached to the marina already under construction.

Objection 1

There are many reasons why this so-called modification should not go ahead.

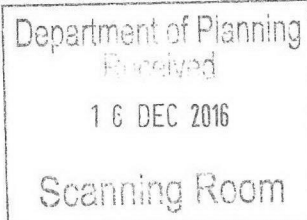
These include:-

- (a) Unacceptable noise to the neighbourhood.
- (b) The threat to native wildlife in the fringing vegetation due to noise and rotor wind,
- (c) The prospect of permission being sort for increased flights per week at a later date,
- (d) As a long term sailor myself I am well aware of the threat to sailing vessels that could be just outside the exclusion zone, these boats being particularly susceptible to sudden high velocity wind gusts.
- (e) The air pollution in the restricted area of Bardens Bay due to the full throttle required at take-off.

Objection 2

This so-called modification is not a modification at all. A helipad has nothing in common with a marina --- it has a different function altogether. Therefore the helipad sort to be built by JPG must be regarded as a new development. This is born out in law where it is pointed out that any development that requires an EIS must be deemed a new development. .JPG was required to do a noise analysis, and therefore the helipad must be a new development.

The noise analysis was deeply flawed and cannot be accepted. The helicopter used was the smallest possible, carries too few people and no luggage and quite unsuitable for tourist travel. It was also not fully laden as required. JPG has put forward a number of other noisier and more powerful helicopters they intend to select from. JPG is also required to test every helicopter type considered for use on every flight path intended, which clearly did not happen.



Objection 3

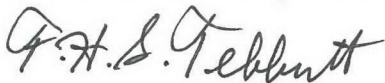
JPG continues to misinform the residents and the Council by saying the helipad is essential to the Trinity Point project going ahead. At present JPG is spending millions of dollars on building the marina, with all the piles in place and about half of the concrete pontoons attached, and with work continuing. So much for the essential nature of the helipad.. A helicopter trip to the site is a novelty for wealthy people, to the ongoing serious detriment of the local residents. There are flights to Pelican and Wyee, and road transport at each end (also boat transport from Pelican). The train runs through Morisset with only a taxi-ride of about 8 minutes to Trinity Point. It's a good train ride, travelling over the Hawkesbury River and along its shore for quite some distance on the way.

Conclusion

Considering the serious nature of some of the objections above, I cannot see how the Planning Department can possibly recommend the helipad modification to Lake Macquarie Council.

The modification is unacceptable.

I have never made a political donation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. H. S. Tebbutt'.

Frank Tebbutt