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The Director
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To the director,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed development of a helipad at Trinity Point, Trinity Point drive (modification to mixed use Marina/Tourist/Residential concept plan 06-0309 Mod 3 being part of the reserve 1012129), and the environmental impact that this development will have.

The proposed helipad will occupy a square space approximately 20.3 metres on each side, an area of 543 square metres. The developers JPG propose a no-go zone surrounding this of approximately 30 metres, which will increase the size to 5,856 square metres. Further Road and Maritime will place a Cardinal marker 20 metres beyond this no go area to increase the area to 11,134 square metres. The public are necessarily excluded from this land and so denied lake usage.

In addition part of the development will involve a marina. Many boats will be either moored there, or in use on the lake. This is extra to the activity of locals who already use the lake for fishing, water skiing and leisure activities such as canoeing and sail boarding. The proximity of a helicopter to these vessels presents an unnecessary risk. An unpredictable downdraught is a danger to boats and people using walkways to their moored vessels. Two airfields exist within easy commuting distance; Warnervale and Aeropelican. It therefore seems worse than foolhardy to go ahead with this proposal.

The proposed helipad will have major environmental impact on the local area. Rather than contributing to the community, we will be denied significant lake access and be needlessly put at risk by the operation of helicopters. I would urge you to consider this matter and investigate

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The acoustic testing conducted by the developers JPG has been misleading, to say the least. The vehicle used to measure impact was a Squirrel H125 helicopter; one specially designed to minimise noise. This is most definitely not the kind of helicopter that will be using the proposed helipad. JPG intend to use 9 different kinds of helicopters of which two will be twin engine. This would invalidate the testing done, and the acoustic impact will be considerably greater than the report suggests.

In addition the local area contains two schools that will be less than 1000ft from the proposed flight paths. The noise would be very disruptive to teachers and students there. There are also two power plants and a hospital that are staffed 24 hours a day. The workers at these institutions must sleep during the day, and their lives will be adversely affected by the noise generated by these helicopters.

In conclusion the acoustic testing conducted was deliberately misleading. Contrary to the claims by the developers that noise from the helipad will be only a minor disruption, the community will suffer major effects. I would urge you to investigate this matter closely.

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