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ATTENTION: Planning Services Regional Assessments

FROM: [REDACTED]

RE: **Trinity Point Mixed Use Development Response to Submissions**

'Re-Exhibition of MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR Trinity Point MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT (MP 06_0309 MOD 3)

Application No. MP 06_0309 MOD 3

Location: Bardens Bay, Trinity Point Drive, Morisset Park

We do **not** support the proposal and we **object** to the proposal and **object** to any helipad at Bardens Bay or Morisset Park or any location nearby to our very quiet suburb of Silverwater on Lake Macquarie.

The noise and associated activity at the helipad including the flights to and from the helipad would have a significant negative impact on the quietness and privacy of our property and surrounding areas. We bought our property because of one of it's major attractive feature/assets being of quietness and privacy- peacefulness is a valuable asset of a property.

The average noise level at our house and on the property is about 35dB most of the day and night and 7 days a week. So 24/7 the property is very quiet at around the 35dB. That is so important to us to maintain that peace and quiet.

The neighbourhood is very sensitive to any noise and that can be appreciated when you consider the background noise level is such a lovely low level.

I remember a few years ago a 'google maps helicopter' flew over the property and it was a very significant noise event for our family. We have not had any regular air traffic noise to deal with. Noise does not seem to be contained around these suburbs. A light plane flew over nearby last week and the noise was extremely distracting and very out of character for the quiet area. I remember about 9 years ago neighbours about 6 doors up had a party and it was a significant noise event. We live quietly because we know that any noise travels and if we were to be even a little bit noisy we would expect a complaint from nearby neighbours.

Any noise generation is prone to have a significant impact on the quietness of a very large area as the noise seems to travel a long way.

Noise also travels really well across open water, you probably already know that.

For example: we can clearly hear and understand the conversation of a pair of fishermen in a boat about 2 kilometres away.

The proposed helipad would be about 3 kms away.

The chopper noise would be very disturbing. The chopper noise cannot be shielded , so when in flight the sound wave would travel unimpeded directly out from the chopper. The noise from choppers tends to be lingering and also has a penetrating beat and slapping sound disturbance like a whacking and this is an extremely unsettling sound.

We can sometimes hear the low hum from Vales Point Power Station that is about 6 kms away and that noise is bearable because it is low frequency and even and also generated low to the ground.

There would probably be many people in our area including ourselves and guests and other retirees who do not travel to work and who enjoy the quietness of their property all day and every day.

Please do not allow this helipad nor allow any helipad in the local area.

We have not made any political donations nor made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years, nor in the previous 10 years.

Yours sincerely
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