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I further object to the above proposed development.

I have just spent more time reading the above submission at the Gwandalan Bowling Club, and I have found more statements contained in the five volumes available which do not reflect the true nature of life in the township of Gwandalan.

The consultants have identified every aspect of our infrastructure but have not detailed the true picture.

Eg,

The report tells us that we have a primary school in Gwandalan. What it does NOT tell us is that it is full, with no room to expand. Where will the children from the proposed 600 odd new homes attend school? Obviously not in Gwandalan. This is a classic case of the Minister giving Part 3A approval without doing his homework.

The report also tells us that we have a doctor, with perhaps some need for a future practice. The report ignores the fact that the current doctor is not taking any more patients because he is at maximum numbers already. He is hard pressed to see all his patients in a timely fashion now. It takes 6 to 8 weeks to get an appointment now. Where will the new residents get medical help? Obviously not in Gwandalan.

These are just 2 examples of the Minister signing off in favour of big business at the expense of local residents.

The maps of the proposed area for development show an access road off Kanangra Drive. This is in an 80kph zone. The maps show no road widening to cope with turning traffic, and no reduction in speed signs to permit safe access on and off Kanangra Drive. If a bus stop is also included for the convenience of residents and particularly school children, how will they cross the road in the afternoons with safety? Surely not in an 80 kph zone? There is no mention of traffic lights or a pedestrian crossing. Again, no forethought by the Minister before signing off on Part 3A. This intersection will be a death trap. Is that responsible planning?

Again, I strongly urge the Minister to reconsider his decision to approve this development. I am also not convinced that the sudden acknowledgement that Gwandalan is indeed in the Central Coast Region, and NOT in the Lower Hunter Region, (as previously insisted upon by the then Minister to try and allow approval under the LHRS), that Gwandalan does fit the strategy of the Central Coast land use study. Gwandalan is many kilometers from the rail link to Sydney and Newcastle and is not near any industrial areas. How can the Minister sign off on this proposal when the area of Gwandalan doesn't meet these criteria? Minister, no amount of biased reporting will convince me that this decision is correct. I have not made any donation to any political party in the past 2 years.

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