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Director, Strategic Assessments,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re State Significant Site and Concept Plan Proposal MP 10 0084 Gwandalan

I have lived in Gwandalan for over ten years. My family and I were originally drawn to Gwandalan due to its small town feel and pristine environment. Over the past ten years I have seen many changes due to the increase in population. My biggest concern is that while the population has increased, the infrastructure to accommodate the population increase has been minimal.

I object to the above proposal because of the added pressure it will put on services that are already at breaking point- services including General Practitioners, Police, Public Transport and Public Schools. My main concern is the lack of police presence which is already a problem for the area. The nearest Police Station is in Toukley, a 30 minute drive away. This police station covers a large area and police response times are completely inadequate. I have personally witnessed many incidents where numerous drunken young men have taken to physically assaulting one another and damaging local property in the small hours of a Sunday morning. Calls to the local police station at the time of the incidents have resulted in residents being told that police were unavailable to attend as they were busier elsewhere. This situation is appalling and will only worsen with the development of a 600+ medium density housing estate in a small isolated community and no where for young bored men and women to congregate except in the streets and nothing for them to do except drink alcohol.

There are no adequate provisions in Coal and Allied's planning to assist with increased infrastructure. It is ludicrous to dump 600+ houses in an area already struggling with social issues.

I call on the Dept of Planning to see some sense and realise that there must be areas that are better placed to accommodate an increase in housing.

I hope my concerns will be taken seriously and that I am not just wasting my breath.

Yours Sincerely


Silvana Giorgi