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RE: Proposed residential subdivision at 46 Arrawarra Beach Road

I write following representations received about the proposed development of the Arrawarra Beach Holiday Park that would involve the closure of this community facility.

There are a large number of substantial issues with the proposed development including:

- The detrimental environmental impact of the proposed revetment wall on the surrounding beachscape
- The risk the development poses of destruction of the SEPP 26 Littoral Rainforest on and surrounding site
- Impacts on Aboriginal Heritage in the area including the loss of nearby coastal middens through accelerated erosion
- Flooding issues on the site during storm events are likely to be exacerbated by this development, and on flow to the existing village is anticipated to be considerable
- The further loss of trees anticipated as a result of the development, with over 40 trees already removed from the site under the guise of bushfire risk reduction

The local tourist industry owes much of its vibrancy to the ongoing existence of parks such Arrawarra, and the impact on the local area of losing this facility should not be underestimated. The park caters for holiday makers but also to a number of permanent residents who are retirees and have settled in the park and who would essentially lose their homes if development of this site was to occur.

For the above reasons we urge council to refuse the subdivision and overdevelopment of this area.

Yours sincerely


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Greens MP and planning spokesperson