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RE: Gosford Waterfront State Significant site (SSS)

Please consider the contents of this letter as a submission on the Gosford Waterfront State Significant Site.

I have a number of concerns with the proposed plans for this site and the zoning changes proposed to support these.

Of primary concern is the privatization of the waterfront for commercial needs rather than community recreational purposes and much needed open space. A revitalization of the Gosford Waterfront which effectively privatizes and concretes over much of this space suits developer interests but is not in the long term interests of the local community. Zoning and controls should reflect that these areas are and should remain public space.

Building what amounts to high rise towers on the waterfront is also a serious concern. These encroach upon views of Brisbane Waters and reduce general visual amenity for those in the surrounding areas.

There are also concerns about the provisions for climate change and in particular sea level rises in the proposed controls. Given this is a waterfront site these are particularly concerning. Controls should ensure that adaptation considerations for sea level rise are improved.

A development of this size must be done correctly in order to play a role in the revitalization of Gosford, a plan which does not have the community at its centre fails to perform this function.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Shoebridge', is written over a faint, light-colored circular stamp.

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