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Name

First name

Mila

Last name

Kasby

I would like my submission to remain confidential

No

Info

Email

Suburb/Town & Postcode

Kenthurst/ 2156

Please provide your view on the project

I object to it

Submission

Thankyou for the chance to comment on this rezoning proposal.

I am a councillor with the Hills Shire Council, a veterinarian, a small business owner and a mother of two. I have lived in the Hills Shire for 40 years and in the last 10 years especially have witnessed significant growth and change within our area.

The most recent years have been the toughest for our community to cope with. They do not support developer driven planning as it has resulted in poorly designed, high density urban areas devoid of necessary infrastructure, tree canopy and green space. It has caused severe traffic congestion which impacts negatively on many of the surrounding suburbs. Our quiet, semi rural village suburb of Kenthurst is choked with traffic on approach to the Annangrove roundabout between 8 - 9am each morning and many other local roads are suffering in a similar way. It should not take 30 - 45 mins to leave a semi-rural suburb on the way to work each morning.

1. Inviting developers to lodge unsolicited planning proposals through a simplified rezoning process will only lead to more overdevelopment in our community with the necessary infrastructure lagging behind by years.

2. Developers need to bear the cost of the assessment and determination of a rezoning proposal and the fees should be set in a way that does not incentivise using a particular consent authority in preference to another..
3. It is unjust that developers should have a right of appeal when councils and the community do not
4. The timeframes that have been set are unrealistic. Council staff will be forced to make decisions without the time and due diligence that these matters (sometimes very complex and involved) require. Fining councils that are already under immense pressure (labour shortage and many DA's) is unacceptable.
5. Our community already feel unheard and there is much resentment around the current levels of overdevelopment - local government gets the blame for this, even though council is not responsible (State Government approvals and rezoning). Stifling community participation further undermines the confidence of our community in their local council and in the strategic planning system. Our community deserves much more than this plan proposes but there at least should be advance notification and an accessible wide reaching consultation process which should be mandatory at the scoping stage.
6. As our community continues to bear the brunt of rapid development, the cumulative impacts must be a primary consideration when rezoning is proposed

Many of the powers have been taken away from Local Government regarding planning for their own local communities in the name of simplicity. This unfairly benefits developers who don't always have the best interest of the community as their top priority. We need a planning system that benefits people instead of profit and focuses on long term sustainability, creating liveable, vibrant places to live, in balance with our natural environment.

Thankyou for giving me the chance to comment,

Yours sincerely,

Clr Dr Mila Kasby

I agree to the above statement

Yes