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*Dear Meredith Sussex and Dr John Rozis,*

*I was at the meeting on 29 July and was absolutely shocked at the disgusting behaviour of the then Mayor Kent Johns and his 'supporters'. He was asked for an extension of time so that councillors could read and digest his 75 point mayoral minute which he had given them 1 hour before the meeting (as one of the councillors stated - her computer had received at 5.05pm). It was one of the most undemocratic meetings I'd ever been to! If there is a recording of that night, could I urge you to listen to it please. It was the first SSC meeting I'd ever attended but if that is the normal behaviour of elected councillors then democracy is dead in it's grave - it was a night of appauling, totally unprofessional behaviour all round.*

*I was also at the meeting last Thursday night where again the now ex-mayor, Kent Johns had the meeting stacked with his 'mates' - laughing and carrying on in the same manner as they'd done at the 29 July meeting. After 35min of 'defending' himself, I was pleased that you were both quite quizzical of the manner in which he rushed through the 75 point mayoral minute (you'd have to be a speed reader to just read the 75 points - let alone absorb what they were about!).*

*My issues with the draft LEP is centred on it's affects for the small communities of Bundeena / Maianbar and in particular, Bundeena (of approx 2kms) set inside the Royal National Park (RNP).*

- *Dual Occupancies, Secondary Dwellings and Granny Flats*

*I have been approached by many people - themselves or on behalf of others seeking low cost single accomodation and, because I have a double street frontage and could provide separate accommodation the fact is I've had issues where SSC council officers who questioned it being a 'granny flat' and said it was 'dual occupancy' because it would've been separated from the house and not attached.*

*For that reason alone - there are many others, I would like the LEP to clearly state that:*

*"dual occupancies, secondary dwellings and granny flats be approved for all zonings in the Bundeena/Maianbar precinct".*

*The proposed LEP prohibits dual occupancies except for restricted areas of the waterfronts.*

*The 'Environmental sensitive' description seems to only apply haphazardly!*

*The proposed 'eco tourism' resort is in an environmentally sensitive area within an extreme bushfire prone area and there are NO water views, it's in a gully*

*(Spring Gully), as the name suggests - yet SSC seems happy for it to go ahead!*

*Gunyah Beach - a pristine little area where fairy penguins used to nest - has had it's beach and rock front totally changed with developments- so much for an environmentally sensitive area!*

*There seems to be a plethora of B&Bs in the area, which is great for those tourists with the money to afford staying in them since most are quite expensive. There IS an environmental impact on the roads and car parking in the streets which is always at a premium. The present SSC LEP states that 'provision for parking for guests be made behind the fence line in addition to the proprietor's parking' - this hasn't been enforced in DAs and not supported by the Land & Environment court either. The guests do NOT arrive by ferry, they come in their obvious hire cars and/or with interstate numberplates!*

*Yet there's little provision for and certainly not enthusiastic support for low cost accomodation on a more permanent basis for an aging population, younger members of families or those who simply cannot afford high rents! There are huge houses and huge blocks of land which could, with much less an environmental foot print, be available. The occupants of these secondary dwellings would also more likely contribute to and become involved in our local community too. Our local Chamber of Commerce needs this.*

*There are people in town who are desperate for accomodation! Ask the local real estate agents in town, they'll also support this dire need. SSC should be actively encouraging dual occupancies, secondary dwellings and granny flats.*

- *Ex 'Scoutland' (60-70 Bournemouth St Bundeena) Eco Tourism resort*

*This land was donated by Eric Mobbs as land to be used by the people. It was left to the scouts for this reason. It was NEVER intended to be developed. It is a huge shame that, despite the huge Bundeena community resistance to it's sale and the plead for the National Parks Association to buy it etc it was allowed to occur.*

*It is in a high fire prone area. Check the RFS website and see their notations on their concern for such a development.*

*Strange also how, I hear, lots of the signatures on the community's petition were 'lost' or 'disappeared'.*

*It seems the SCC is actively supporting the developer and continues to. The SSC is in negotiations with the developer to buy the 'paper road' and 'swap' the SCC garbage depot etc!*

*There are so many ethical issues:*

*The sale of the scout land should never have occurred in the first instance.*

*Shame on the scouting foundation for this (I was a member and a leader). I'm extremely disappointed that they did not respect the land that was donated to them.*

*The National Parks could have bought this parcel of land and added it to the RNP. It would've been more in line with what the Mobbs family had intended too.*

*With the constant fire danger - an eco resort where clients could have to evacuated quickly would pose a safety concern for all involved - including RFS members having to potentially put their own lives at risk. (I am a member of the RFS).*

*I would like to question why SSC is so supportive of this endeavour?*

- *Landscaping*

*Currently the residential landscaping ratio is 50%. I believe it should remain at 50% and not the 35% proposed. If SSC was genuinely interested in keeping the green corridor open - they would be more co-operative in supplying native plants to residents as other councils do. Until this year we have received a certificate to collect 2 free plants from SSC nursery. Other councils allow their ratepayers to collect as the need.*

*Many people are planting exotics and they're even planting them on the nature strip. We live inside the RNP, we are privileged to be able to live in such an environment! Some people planted natives on their nature strip and these were removed by SSC after having been there for 35 years and being quite mature.*

*I feel that the issue should be the fact that natives and not exotics should be planted and therefore 50% of the landscape to building footprint will be more than enough - especially if planted with natives.*

*I do believe you have received many submissions. Could I ask that individuals be given as much attention as some of the company directors, developers etc who also presented at the meetings and have written submissions.*

*Please, if you have the time, do listen to the recording of the 29 July meeting even if briefly, to hear the tone and the demeaning manner of the conduct of some of the councillors that night. After hearing ex mayor Kent Johns speaking last Thursday night, I fear he and his supporters will continue as before - it's like water off a duck's back. Infact the attempt to stop members of the public recording is also an indication of the the state of SSC council meetings. - what an indictment of our democracy!*

*Yours faithfully,*



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