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The Mayor
Sunshine Coast Council
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Dear Mayor

Halcyon Retirement Community Development – Steggalls Road Yandina

I am writing of behalf of the Yandina Bowls Club to enquire about apparent delays in the approval of the DA for this particular development.

As you can imagine, the advent of such a development in close proximity to our club and the desire of Halcyon to utilise our bowling facilities, and the nearby tennis club facilities, for the benefit of the community residents, was an exciting proposal. This has the potential of significantly increasing membership and volunteer numbers, major needs of any small hinterland volunteer run club.

When Council asked for comment on the proposed development, club members were canvassed regarding their views. The response was all positive to the extent that it was agreed that the Bowls Club submit a letter of support, which was done.

Much of the club's Board focus, since being aware of the proposal, has been on the development of a strategic plan and addressing upgrading facilities, to be able to embrace this change as well as being able to talk to Halcyon regarding assistance in further club upgrades.

It was somewhat of a surprise to then find that the DA proposal was voted down by Council and that one of the major objectors was the Councillor for Division 10. This was done without any reference to club members, residents in the nearby area or for that matter, Business Yandina.

I have attempted to contact Councillor Law over the past three weeks but, to date, have been unable to so. I received a message from his Assistant, on 21/6/24 saying the Councillor was going on leave and would be unable to talk until sometime after his return.

Advice that I have gleaned as reason for voting down the proposal is that this type of development is not on the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme however, it is on the South East Regional Plan and the State Government has indicated that they wish for the proposal to proceed and have asked Council to alter the Planning Scheme to facilitate. To date this request from State Government has not been accepted.

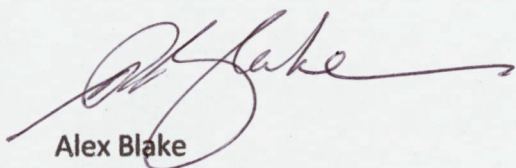
Again, such a development brings numerous benefits, not only to our club but to the business community of Yandina and to increasing housing availability as a whole. As you would be aware increasing housing has become a major issue and with retired persons taking up residence in a facility such as the proposed development, in general, frees up residences in the community at large.

I am aware that development plans are essential to be able to sustain liveability for communities but would hope that such plans are never so firm that they cannot be altered so that DA requests, that may not fit within the existing plan but do not conflict with community liveability, cannot be accepted.

I am further aware, from your comments during the recent Council elections and following your success in being elected Mayor, of your desire to further regional development be it business, housing or tourism. I see the Halcyon proposal very much meeting your desire.

On behalf of the Yandina Bowls Club, I would ask that you request a review of the Council's objection to the Halcyon Retirement Community development in Steggalls Road Yandina with the view to how this development can proceed.

Sincerely



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