



Victorian Planning Authority,
GPO Box 2392,
MELBOURNE, Vic. 3000

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: CASEY FIELDS SOUTH (EMPLOYMENT) & DEVON MEADOWS PRECINCT STRUCTURE PLAN

As I reside next door to the proposed arterial, which until now has been referred to as the Craig Road Bypass, I am going to be directly and adversely affected by this proposed road. I therefore provide the following to support my submission.

I am renting my property at 1714 South Gippsland Highway which adjoins the market garden between my property and the New Covenant Pentecostal Church. I moved to this property in April 2013 and at that time there was a proposed bypass going along Junction Close, which has a vacant block on my property and another market garden separating us. However, in recent years the plan has changed and it is now proposed to be constructed next to my house.

Privacy:

In front of the house is a mixed orchard, and it provides privacy – in fact, other than to cool the house on a hot day, I have never needed to use my blinds. As a result of the road being built, I will lose my privacy. In addition, the existing fence between the orchard and market garden is only wire, and City of Casey has advised they will not be contributing anything towards a more secure fence.

I am concerned that whilst I have total privacy at the moment, once the road is built I will have no privacy. When my dog goes outside to relieve herself at night, I don't close the door and leave her outside for as long as she needs, and will close the door when she comes back inside— I will have to close the door going forward,, which could cause her to cry. My dog will also be at risk of baits, theft, etc. She is very insecure and a noisy road will add to her anxiety. I will also be at risk of vandalism, burglary, etc. because everyone will know the home is here.

Noise and Discomfort:

While the road is being built, I am going to be subject to loud noise, dust, and everything else that goes with construction. I have to pass the South Gippsland Highway/Ballarto Road Roundabout every time I head into Cranbourne, and it is a mess. I also read on the community

Facebook page all the problems the nearby residents are suffering, and I can only assume this is what I have to look forward to.

Safety:

The proposed road is only a few metres from my driveway entering the South Gippsland Highway. If cars speed through the traffic lights/roundabout or around the corner, I will be hit. Therefore I believe this needs to be taken into consideration by the planners.

Water:

Over recent years there has been flooding in the orchard and down the side of my house and I understand this is a result of a leaking dam on the property which is proposed to be the road. A couple of years ago it resulted in a sinkhole in my backyard which my now deceased Labrador fell into, and it took two men up to their shoulders in the hole to lift him out. This only has a cover over it now as neither City of Casey or Melbourne Water would accept any liability to fix it. When walking on the ground in the orchard, even at the moment with very little rain over the past months, I sink down into it. There is an agreement with South East Water that the owner just pays a predetermined amount each quarter because the water meter is continually under water because of the flooding coming from next door.

Therefore I believe it is essential for the dam to be permanently repaired to ensure no further damage is caused to my property.

Trees:

Wild birds nest in trees in the middle of the highway and also in the market garden. Unfortunately the large one behind my property, which was a favourite of the magpies, appears to have been poisoned because it has now turned brown, but there are a couple of smaller trees near my fence which is favoured by some of the smaller birds. Also running along behind my property are some trees that are used for nesting each year.

I would therefore ask that every consideration be given to keeping these trees as so many of their nesting trees were removed from the highway a couple of years ago, and for no apparent reason.

I would appreciate my concerns being considered because it is going to have a direct impact on my life. Unfortunately I am not in a position to afford higher rent so am not able to move to another property. I have loved my quiet lifestyle here, but can see that it is coming to a sad end. It is going to become urbanised and I am hating the idea of that.

Kind regards,

