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Victorian Planning Authority

RE: Bannockburn South East PSP

To Whom it may concern,

I wish to register my objection to this development.

Firstly, it has a flawed consultation process.

Our property is jointly owned [REDACTED]
One letter asking for feedback and addressed exclusively to [REDACTED] was received at this address. *Were only males asked for their opinion?* In today's society, this is completely unacceptable. It demonstrates that sexism and bigotry is alive and flourishing in the Victorian Planning Authority. The consultation process needs to be reviewed and depending on outcome re done to ensure a fair process has been conducted.

Endangered Flora

The Bannockburn cemetery which is separated by one road from the site for development has previously been home to endangered flora. While the majority of the land to be developed is farm land the uncultivated areas must be surveyed thoroughly for endangered flora. Surveying needs to include multiple days and multiple times of the year along Brucers creek and also roadsides to ensure that our precious flora is not missed and subsequently extinct by lack of care.

Traffic Flow

The proposed development has considered traffic and will filter cars onto the Hamilton and Midland highways. While these highways are the responsibility of Vicroads, provision and coordination of merging traffic requirements must be considered so that congestion of these roads and merge points is minimised. This includes the increased traffic which will place demands on the Burnside road, High St intersection. Leaving this ^{to the} ~~for developer to~~ action without oversight is negligent.

Council Oversight

The Golden Plains Council struggles to oversee the current townships and areas within its boundaries. Just ask locals about road conditions, garbage management, drainage and rates. The recent inability to elect a mayor and retain a CEO demonstrates the turmoil within this

organisation. Many of the current council provisions are aligned to Ballarat which is difficult to access from this end of the council. A larger population will place increasing demands on services. *Which body will have oversight and administration of this proposed development?*

Has the development been unduly influenced by a councillor who is a real estate agent/developer?

I acknowledge that development is inevitable, the small country town we moved to 26 years ago is no longer. The loss of arable farmland is insidious and regretful.

Can you please address my questions?

Thank you

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