



9 OCTOBER 2012



THE SECRETARY
STATE DEVELOPEMENT AND
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
PARLIAMENT HOUSE
BRISBANE 4000

DEAR SIR

WE THE UNDERSIGNED WISH TO RECORD OUR VERY STRONG OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED SECTION 6 OF "THE SUSTAINABLE PLANNING AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL" WHEREBY THE LOSING APPELLANT WILL BE LIABLE FOR COSTS TO THE DEVELOPER IN SUCH HEARINGS.

IF THIS PROPOSAL IS MADE LAW IT WOULD HAVE A VERY BAD AND UNFAIR IMPACT ON THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS AND RESIDENTS GROUPS WHO BECAUSE FINANCIAL CONCERNS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO OBJECT TO DEVELOPEMENT PROPOSALS, THUS ENCOURAGING DEVELOPERS TO PROCEED WITH PROSECTS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY FACE APPEALS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS.

OUR REQUEST TO THE BOARD IS TO DELETE THIS SECTION 6 FROM THE BILL BECAUSE OF ITS LIKELY ADVERSE EFFECTS ON COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN QUEENSLAND'S DEVELOPEMENT.

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Yours FAITHFULLY
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