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**State Development, Infrastructure and Industry Committee**

Dear Committee Members,

I wish to voice my strongest concerns as to the proposal to changes to the awarding of costs in the Planning & Environment Court ( Section 6). The matter has been given some considerable discussion locally and alarmed many in this community.

We believe that such a proposal will make it virtually impossible to object to an inappropriate development, as the risk of bankruptcy could result in making such an objection.

The proposal appears to set up a "David and Goliath" situation and would result in ordinary community members and citizens effectively not being able to challenge powerful, wealthy corporations and the like, without the threat of financial ruin.

We appreciate that vexatious objections should not be able to frustrate appropriate developments, but this proposal, as has been explained locally, is frightening and dangerous to our democratic values and way.

Please delete this proposal.

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