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Committee members,

I am extremely concerned to hear that the “own cost” rules of the Planning & Environment Court (PEC) may be changed.

These rules have, for years, enabled action to be taken by local government, or community members or organizations, against undesirable developments.

Under current rules, frivolous or vexatious actions can still be rejected by the court, but cashed up developers can not so easily intimidate others from taking action.

Changing this rule may result in the PEC becoming akin to a poker game where the richest player nearly always wins, and those with less resources & less to gain may be unable to even consider getting into the game at all.

Please take care to ensure that you protect the ability of the PEC to do its job.

Regards

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