

12th October, 2012

State Development Infrastructure and Industry Committee

Parliament House

Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill Section 6 - Awarding of Costs in the Planning & Environment Court, which would allow court costs to be awarded against the loser in any court case related to objection to development which community groups/citizens feel would be detrimental to their area.

Small community groups/councils cannot possibly afford the costs large developers can, therefore putting them at a distinct disadvantage when it comes to sustaining their way of life.

The way is is currently done ie. both groups paying their own costs, has worked well until now, allowing community groups the option to object if they feel it is necessary.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,



Marilyn Watson

