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To: State Development Infrastructure and Industry Committee

Subject: Section 6. Re. Awarding of Costs in the Planning and Environment Court

Date: Friday, 12 October 2012 4:22:41 PM

Dear Committee Members,

I wish to lodge my objection to the Sustainable Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012, that proposes amendment to the way Court costs are awarded.

In Australia we have always had the right to defend our Planning Schemes thereby preserving our environment in harmony with economic progress.

While we will still be able to do this, under this Bill amendment as proposed, the cost of doing so will be prohibitive.

I also think a further burden will be placed on local Councils as individuals and community groups defer to them to take over as sole defenders of Appeals to the Land and Environment Court.

Yours faithfully Wayne Flello

