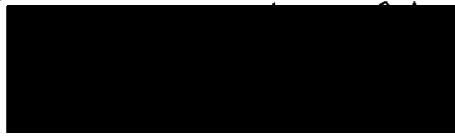


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Dear Research Director,

I recently read that the government is considering scrapping the "own costs" rule, now in place in the Planning and Environment Court. This rule will effectively stop community groups, non-profit organizations and smaller local councils, from taking court action against destructive and unwanted development, in their local area.

This means that only the rich, will risk going to trial. This will eliminate community involvement, in decisions that will influence their ~~communit~~ community. This does not make sense.

Please don't scrap the "own costs" rule.

Yours sincerely, Katrina Gosschalk
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