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The Mayor and Councillors
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RE: FORMAL OBJECTION TO PROPOSED RESORT DEVELOPMENT – 18 OASIS DRIVE, WONGA BEACH

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Why I object to the proposed Wonga Beach Resort

The proposed resort isn't just accommodation. It includes more than 60 villas, a restaurant, pool, spa, weddings and commercial operations on one of the last large residential-zoned sites in Wonga Beach.

Key concerns

- The land is zoned Low Density Residential, not for a major commercial resort.
- We have a housing shortage, not a jobs shortage.
 - Rental vacancy is around 1.2%
 - Unemployment is only 4.4%
 - This land could provide much-needed housing instead of tourist accommodation.
- The proposed buildings exceed the current height limit, affecting privacy and changing Wonga Beach's coastal character.
- Infrastructure questions remain unanswered.
 - Water supply
 - Roads
 - Drainage
 - Flooding
 - Emergency evacuation

- Sewer and other services.
- **Council previously required extensive engineering assessments** for the nearby Vixies subdivision. The same level of scrutiny should apply to an even more intensive resort development.
- **Traffic and safety** will increase on roads and footpaths used daily by local children.
- **The resort will permanently change the character of Wonga Beach**, bringing increased traffic, noise, lighting and commercial activity into a quiet residential community.
- **If Council approves the resort, it should also protect existing community recreation.** Council previously recognised ATV riding as part of Wonga Beach's lifestyle. If increased tourist use makes the northern beach unsuitable, Council should provide an alternative permitted area on the southern beach.

What I'm asking Council to do

- Apply the Planning Scheme consistently.
- Require the same rigorous assessment applied to previous major developments.
- Protect land intended for future housing.
- Reject the proposed resort in its current form.

Yours sincerely

