

IN SUMMARY



Where is John Whiteway Drive and what is there already?

- John Whiteway Drive is possibly the most densely populated residential area in the southern Central Coast;
- Currently 7 complexes have a John Whiteway Drive address;
- The Drive is a circular vehicular access that encircles the old Gosford Quarry;
- The Quarry has a history, lost on most who now call the Central Coast home;
- The Drive also runs alongside part of the Rumbalara Reserve, an area advertised widely for its walks and lookouts;
- Within the Reserve are Rock Wallabies, possums, brush turkeys and ducks;
- These visit the residential complexes daily and use them as thoroughfares to move between the plateau and the waterfront.

It's Time to Look at the Whole Picture

- No Development Application has ever taken into consideration the impact the number of residents and/or visitors have on the Drive;
- Building Regulations have not progressed with the changes in community and personal demands;
- No longer do we live in a one car family home or a one bedroom one car apartment;
- Resident and visitor street parking is already exhausted;
- The Drive never was suitable for high density population or the parking difficulties it brought with it.

What if there is an (Fire) Emergency?

- The nearest Fire Station is Gosford, located behind the East Gosford shops;
- In the event of an emergency during working hours its most direct route is via Georgiana Terrace – currently resembling a one-way street;
- Co-ordinating Emergency vehicles into John Whiteway Drive and evacuating residents and visitors out during a major incident would be equivalent of moving a small town.

Overflow from Downtown Building

- An increase in commercial downtown buildings has seen our residential street taken over by working people's cars;
- It can't handle this influx of worker's cars and it certainly can't accommodate the anticipated vehicle numbers that a Development on the Old Quarry will bring;
- Residents shopping at Erina utilize Henry Parry Drive and access it via Georgiana Terrace or Donnison Street;

- Since the new commercial building in Mann Street and consequent parking in Georgiana Terrace and John Whiteway Drive, this access is now reduced to little more than one lane and with some cars parked illegally it can be difficult to move over to allow cars to pass.

Commuter Impact

- It has been stated that commuters will have little impact, yet there is only one (logical) exit to Henry Parry Drive and that is Georgiana Terrace. Imagine the build-up of traffic in John Whiteway Drive whilst drivers wait for a break to turn left;
- Anyone heading to the M1, West Gosford and the Peninsula will drive through the city via Donnison Street, with the usual delays at the Henry Parry Drive and Mann Street Traffic lights. Yet again a build-up of vehicles is inevitable;
- For those who work to the north in nearby Wyoming, Narara or farther afield in Wyong or Newcastle access to Henry Parry Drive or Mann Street will also mean delays at (either set of) Erina Street Traffic lights.

Traffic Study Required

If a thorough Traffic Study had been carried out would consideration to future Development Applications been entertained?

Residents' Options

- Residents in this area don't have a choice;
- There is no public transport – walking to the railway station isn't an option for most and the steep terrain, lack of suitable footpaths and lighting doesn't encourage residents to leave their cars at home.

Community before Commerce

It is time to consider Community over Commerce and let the current residents of John Whiteway Drive – both human and animal – be provided with better lighting, footpaths, parking and open areas to graze and raise their young.

Council and the EPA are asked to thoughtfully consider that the DAs in the name of Principle Constructions DA54602/2018 be refused.

Yours sincerely

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