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### Re: Development proposal at 14 Brennan Avenue, Kincumber

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write today on behalf of the Wildlife Land Trust (WLT), Humane Society International's private land conservation program. The WLT currently comprises over 650 sanctuaries dedicated to habitat preservation around Australia including 291 in New South Wales. Humane Society International is the world's biggest conservation and animal protection organisation with more than 10 million supporters globally and 70,000 in Australia.

I refer to an issue brought to our attention by WLT sanctuary owner Ian Mumford regarding a proposal to build a commercial childcare centre and petting zoo at 14 Brennan Avenue, Kincumber. It is our understanding that Mr Mumford has submitted an opposition to the development along with several residents on nearby properties. The construction of a centre this size has the potential to be considerably disruptive for local birdlife and other native species. Furthermore, in an ecologically significant location such as Kincumber, the centre itself is likely to interrupt habitat corridors and displace local wildlife.

The Wildlife Land Trust is committed to protecting habitat for wildlife and advocates for sustainable practices on and around sanctuaries. In this regard we strongly support Mr Mumford's opposition to the aforementioned development in the interests of native species and the habitat on which they rely. We urge the Council to consider this development's impact on the local environment and on the residents working to preserve it.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss this matter directly, please contact me via email at [helen@hsi.org.au](mailto:helen@hsi.org.au) or on 1800 333 737.

Yours sincerely,

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