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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find within this correspondence my reasoning in objecting against the proposed Skyclife / BINGO Industries recycling centre located at 83 Gindurra Road, Somersby.

I reside at 252 Debenham Road South, directly opposite the proposed DA and deem it essential for me to express my concerns as a close resident in the area.

Firstly, please be aware I am not alone in thinking that a recycling centre (that when checking their website actually confirms their specialist services of building site waste removal) of this nature is completely irresponsible to be allowed so close to residents in the area.

The sheer noise from the proposed business is amongst the many issues that are causing detriment to my own mental health. This is mainly due to the heavy traffic expected from the trucks alone.

We expect that the trucks will be situated opposite our home, entering and exiting and idling their trucks close by outside my driveway. Thus meaning noise emissions and air pollution due to fumes – including the standard movement and vehicle in motion alarms – will be heard within the close proximity to the proposed centre. It is not something when I bought the property I expected to live amongst. Constant movement from heavy trucks (and their alarm systems) is hard enough to be subjected to during the day. However, I have recently been made aware that they plan to run this operations 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Please explain what respite residents will be able to expect? At this moment I understand it to be none.

Please note, there are many in the area with families and children who visit them throughout the year. Having a recycling centre opposite a family friendly neighbourhood is absurd. Large trucks and multiple cars passing through daily raises concerns regarding safety. I must ask the council to review this aspect urgently.

Moreover, when considering the area there will be very few willing to live next to this type of noise pollution effecting the housing prices locally. Surely, if Somersby council are looking for ways to increase wealth within the area a recycling company will not be the answer?

I must also bring to your attention the proposed plans in Somersby. I was excited to learn that new precautions were to be put in place to drive more business and tourism to the region.

The council has confirmed they are dedicated to protecting the rich environmental heritage by conserving beaches, waterways, bushland, wildlife and the diversity of local native species in their plans to bring in more visitors.

This seems to completely contradict the proposed building for Skyclife/BINGO Industries as – I believe – it is intended to be over 23 metres tall. An eyesore for the local landscape. Again, not something I was expecting to see when I first moved into the area.

A company specialising in building waste removal and recycling hardly seems fitting for the surrounding bushland and wildlife. In fact, amongst the building waste there seems to be a list of toxic material that they dispose of. Any of this waste will cause damage to the natural bushland, endangered wildlife (pygmy possums) and health of human beings.

“The Great Weekend Trail” would be a fantastic way of bringing new tourism into the area. However, I believe that seeing a recycling building would be completely ruin the intended purpose of these trails. My worry is that putting money into something like this would eventually lead to the trail being abandoned with the investment being a waste of resources.

As I have outlined in my above concerns, the proposed recycling centre will cause more damage to the area than the intended influx of business.

Please review this information from a worried resident.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Young