

To whom it concerns,

DA 59244/2020 Proposed Warehouse and Distribution Centre No 83 Gindurra Road Somersby

The purpose of this letter is to object to the above DA.

I live, along with my family, at 10 Acacia Road Somersby. And as residents within very close proximity to the proposed DA we believe it is of great need for us to voice our concerns. Not to mention, to also be a voice for my elderly grandparents who reside with us also.

Firstly, the impact of such a development has clearly been underestimated in the application. It must be noted that The Council has made it clear that they are committed to, in fact are dedicated to, the protecting of the rich and valuable environmental heritage of our area and region. This includes the conservation of beaches, waterways, bushland, wildlife and the diversity of local native species. The context in which this was said, was plans to bring in more business, visitors and tourism to the region.

Skylife, who indeed are a company specialising in building waste removal and recycling, seem like a noble business for the region in the managing and recycling of waste, however their application and statements made therein not only seem to underestimate the environmental effects of such a development in this location but they also appear to be quite weak and reserved on the impact of the development and operation. For example, the points of concern regard: Noise and light spill, heavy vehicles and heavy traffic from the trucks alone, their 24/7 operating hours and the disposal toxic materials.

Furthermore, whilst this proposed development is on the fringe of the industrial park, that has been long supported by The Council and successive governments, the development and operations proposed by SkyLife is completely out of character for the area, not just in it's sheer size and scale but also just because of the fact of its positioning to the M1 and local residents.

As a local resident living in such an area we know full well that development will happen, including warehouse facilities, but from the application and information at hand such a development and operation as this is clearly an overdevelopment and excessive for the location and will bring adverse impacts to wildlife, such as the Pygmy Possums and other protected species of flora and fauna, the environment, residents and region. As per the current Gosford LEP 2014, council has sought to protect, such a development goes against this and the very commitment of the Council to our region.

It is clear that this proposed waste management and recycling facility will bring more damage and adverse impact rather than wishful business growth.

As a keen and avid cyclist I must also note how many of us ride up, around and through this area into the hinterland and enjoy the scenery away from the main artillery roads such as the Central Coast Highway . Not to mention the Rotary Century ride which comes through here and along Gindurra road every year.

The coming and going of heavy vehicles in this area associated with this developed is absurd, many use Debenham Road South daily over Kariong Hill as a means to commute and for cyclists who prefer, for their safety, to come a quieter and less busy way. That being said, the roads around here are quite busy enough with light vehicles in peak times as people do try to avoid the traffic of the Central Coast Highway (Kariong Hill). Heavy vehicles of such proportion for this location is of great concern, even if it can be done in a way that complies with Australian Standards, it will bring much interruption and noise. There have been quite severe accidents on the corner of Gindurra and Debenham over the years and so the greater safety of all existing road users needs to be taken into consideration.

Light vehicles are obviously different to heavy vehicles and it is the mixing of these along with regular cyclists too, that brings much concern. When the Rat Race comes, of those who do avoid Kariong hill, in light of all of this, to add B-doubles into the mix on such a corner is very dangerous. There is a lack of vision on this corner and the design of the roads as well as the location is not logical for such traffic, that is the added coming and going of heavy vehicles. Debenham Road south to West Gosford is signposted quite clearly and is not suitable for trucks, the route along Acacia to Kangoo back to the Central Coast Highways is also not a safe route for trucks to take, considering the intersection at Acacia Road. The greater roads and intersections around the proposed development simply are not suitable to take heavy vehicles of this scale. Even if such an operation can comply it has wider impacts and effects on light vehicles, existing local traffic and will be of great disturbance to the daily lives of residents.

Moreover, there is little commitment in the application to the impact of the development. Whilst on the edge of the industrial park the development is wedged between the M1 and residential/rural residential properties. This needs to be sincerely and seriously addressed by the Council. The proposal for 24hr operation, warehousing and logistics, is not a quiet one to say the least with both noise and light pollution, continuously in the character of heavy vehicles, the materials, handling techniques, loading and unloading, work health and safety provisions, it is all going to bring adverse negative impacts and needs to be seriously addressed and sincerely considered. The proposal is excessive.

Lastly, developments such as this have made and are making adverse impacts on local real estate, making residential properties unattractive, unsalable in a once attractive, quiet and peaceful part of the coast with natural beauty. There has been and will be much more stress and impact on local residents, their lifestyle and overall health, including mental, emotional and physical. It could be said that residents moved and bought here knowing full well of the industrial park around, however, many residents have long been here before most developments and as mentioned before this proposal is excessive and out of character compared to the surrounding businesses, factories and light industrial zonings which are themselves are on the other side of the M1.

It needs to be said overall that I am not alone in voicing these concerns, and in light of these concerns it is absolutely thoughtless and irresponsible to allow such a development within hundreds of metres of residents, including families and the elderly. It is within close proximity to the M1 and the Juvenile Justice Centre, Kariong High, The Riding for the

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Disabled and Mt. Penang Gardens, not to mention the Reptile park, waterfalls and walking trails and just a few Kilometres from the overall community of Kariong and West Gosford.

It is vital and of great importance that this objection is reviewed, from a very concerned resident.

Yours's sincerely,
Joshua Edwards.