



# DA Submission

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## Your Submission

Development Application: 011.2020.00059244.001

Applicant: Skylife Properties Management Pty Ltd

Description: Warehouse & Distribution Facility, Associated Site/Earthworks, Hardstand & Carpark Area, Signage and Extension of Debenham Road South

Comments: It is with great urgency I am sending my objections to Skylife Properties Management Pty Ltd's new property DA at 83 Gindurra Road, Somersby. I am a local resident that will be diagonally facing the newly proposed recycling centre. It is without that I have many concerns about the nature of this business and its operational predictions that has led me to make the council aware of these concerns. Skylife's proposal states they will be utilising this as warehousing and racking, in which case, the proposal seems excessively large for an operation of this type and within the eastern side of the freeway where residences reside. It seems more plausible, this DA is the first stage to try and get the approval on a property build from local council, so they can then go to the State Significant development their sister company originally envisaged, with the purpose being for BINGO's 500,000T/yr industrial waste management facility which was applied for on the State significant portal found here: <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10361> SSD 9265. To start, I appreciate the local councils' best efforts in strategising ways to improve the area by bringing in new business opportunities and tourism to Somersby. However, a noise polluting and environmental unfriendly trade does not seem to be the best option. The building - in which it is to be situated - will create a definite distraction to the surrounding landscape. As I believe, it intends to be over 23 metres in height creating a negatively visible impact to the keeping of dense bushland and rural houses. The industrial aspect of the building is something as a local would be awful to see. The prospect is far too close to the nearby family residences. This within itself presents a number of issues. One main issue being the noise pollution that we as locals would be subjected to on a 24/7 basis. Trucks will be situated opposite family homes. It is causing concern for those with small children nearby as they will undoubtedly be worried that their children may face danger with the large trucks movements constantly at their driveways. Alongside the safety aspect for children is the noise emissions from the trucks that are considerably loud. Including the trucks' movement and warning alarms when in motion (reversing). These noises are expected to be endured by residents 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Surely this cannot be acceptable in a rural residential area. The stress and sleep deprivation will cause many locals - with a shadow of doubt - a great deal of mental health problems. All-the-while concerned what this eyesore is doing to the value of their home. The suggested use of Debenham Rd South as a Truck entry and exit point together with hundreds of cars for workers, presents a

major issue for the use of Debenham Rd South as a shortcut for trucks and cars to get down into Gosford, as it is the quickest way as suggested by GPS systems and via local knowledge. This may not seem much of an issue to foreign drivers, but present serious and potentially deadly traffic issues for the close receptor at 242 Debenham rd South who DOES NOT have direct visual line of site to the corner of Gindurra rd and Debenham rd South. With trucks and cars travelling and speeding up from that corner, and with no line of site, it will only be a matter of time before an accident occurs. The stretch between Gindurra rd and through Debenham Rd South to Acacia Ave, and the Acacia Rd corner has been deemed unsuitable for trucks and B-Doubles via previously created supporting traffic reports and therefore - this road should not be utilised for any traffic entry or exit point. As homeowners we cannot understand the lack of concern for residents in Somersby and why this type of business could not operate in a more suitable area. It is thought that an industrial recycling centre opposite homes would be less than desirable and will in turn lead to Somersby and the Gindurra Rd/Debenham Corner being known as the "Somersby Dump Corner". The council has raised concerns about protecting the rich environmental heritage by conserving beaches, waterways, bushland, wildlife and the diversity of local native species in their plans to draw more visitors to Somersby, yet if this proposed development was approved it would have an irreversible impact and endanger the 2.62 Hectares local population of the eastern pygmy possum, 0.27 Hectares of endangered Hibbertia procumbens, 2.45 ha Red Bloodwood - scribbly gum heathy woodland on sandstone plateaux of the Sydney Basin Bioregion (PCT 1083). It is also noted The proposed development would result in direct impacts to 0.17 hectares of Heath-leaved Banksia - Coral Fern wet heath on sandstone ranges of the lower Central Coast (PCT 1699) which is equivalent to Coastal Upland Swamps in Sydney Basin Bioregion EEC. We believe this objection is in the same nature to the refusal of the waste resource facility at 168 Somersby Falls Road (Development Application No 40918/2011), citing the proposal to not be ecologically sustainable and contrary to the precautionary principle as it has a direct and unknown impact upon the habitat areas of the aforementioned eastern pygmy possum. I do not believe that a recycling centre that specialises in building waste removal - amongst other materials - would add value to the area. Nor would it in anyway conserve our happily situated bushland and wildlife. If anything, it will eventually cause detriment and damage to the surrounding areas whilst processing building waste materials. Finally, another element of improvement for the Somersby area contains the proposed "The Great Weekender Trail" which states walkers will walk straight past this property and down Debenham Rd South. It is almost ridiculous that those visiting for an authentic bushland experience will be exposed to dramatically high buildings of a recycling centre. Something which I'm sure you would agree is completely out of character to this area. I believe that funding for this will be wasted as many who visit are likely to complain about the concrete jungle appearing in the middle of their weekender bushland trail. I urge you to consider these elements when reviewing Skylife's application for planning and business permissions. Yours faithfully,

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