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Re: Application 218-2016 10 McKenzie Road

Dear Colin

The Goulburn Valley Environment Group (GVEG) notes with disappointment another planning application (218-2016) for the removal of high value native vegetation on McKenzie Rd property.

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) has in past Catchment Strategies identified the greatest threat to native vegetation and biodiversity in the Catchment is the incremental loss of very old paddock trees. It is difficult to think of any other project that highlights the loss of these very trees.

In our first objection to this application GVEG stated that it believed the selected site, containing significant endangered vegetation, not appropriate. GVEG believe developments such as this should be sited on previously cleared land that is abundantly available across the irrigation area.

GVEG also considers the offered offsets and the cost of these offsets are totally inappropriate to replace the planned tree losses. GVEG further believe this offset option encourages the loss of threatened native vegetation across our irrigation areas rather than the desired minimization of losses.

GVEG recognises that council has a difficult role in this process and appreciates the efforts of staff to negotiate an acceptable outcome with the proponents. However without the retention of trees 17, 18 & 20, GVEG continues to object to this planning proposal for the above mentioned reasons.

GVEG's position on this planning application is unchanged; the project should not go ahead in its current configuration, and is of the view that there other sites more suited to this development.

Yours sincerely

John Pettigrew

GVEG President

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