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## Re: Notice of Amended Development Plan DP2008-1

GVEG were asked by concerned residents to investigate the recent application to amend Development Plan DP-2008-1, seeking approval to remove vegetation registered on title under a section-173 agreement.

We believe the amendment application should be denied for the following reasons:

The plantation is the product of enforcement laws following the then landholder's illegal removal of native vegetation. Examples of successful outcomes such as this are few and far between in the COGS council area and approval of the amendment would undermine the intention and integrity of regulations designed to protect native vegetation against illegal clearing.

The developer has in 2008, sought and gained planning approval for the estate, agreed to restrictions placed on that approval by Council, is nearing completion of works and has already sold some of the blocks in question.

We do not believe the removal of this plantation is essential for the success of this development, nor required by, or of benefit to the Furphy Ave residents and adjoining commercial neighbours on the Eastern boundary. The removal of this plantation would adversely affect the amenity and investment values of Furphy Ave residents and commercial neighbours.

The plantation not only provides amenity and services to neighbouring properties but is also an important bio-link between Goulburn River frontage and hundreds of properties in other estates developed over past years.

We are available for further consultation on this matter but reiterate our opposition to this amendment application.

Yours,

John Pettigrew

GVEG President

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