

To Whom it May Concern

After thoroughly reading over the “Draft Report - Assessment of The Hills Shire Council's - CP17 - Castle Hill North - 20 September 2019”, as well as “The Minutes” of the Council’s report on the 27 November 2018, on the same proposal, I have evaluated many serious concerns that will arise if the CP17 proposal, for expanding the playing fields at Holland Reserve, was to go through.

Firstly, I understand the need for open spaces in our vast growing community. However, because the proposal is to fulfil the need for the residents in Castle Hill North, surely the impact that Glenhaven residents and our Bushlands native flora and fauna will face, needs to be considered as the main concern. Holland Reserve is a beautiful example of Australia’s iconic bushlands, and with the area’s obvious surrounding cliff faces and rocky terrain, the proposition to “... remove and offset approximately 3 hectares of bushland...” (The Hills Shire Council, 2019, p.53), this destruction is ludicrous.

Also taking into consideration that there were twenty-one other possible locations that the Hill’s Council could have chosen from, yet the council has highlighted that the main reason for selecting Holland Reserve, is because it’s “...a cost-effective solution as the council is not required to acquire land...”(The Hills Shire Council, 2019, p.51). Noting that the other concerns of those twenty-one possible locations included the “...raised issues related to location, traffic, parking, impact on rural lifestyle and amenity, impact on property values and ecological impacts...” (The Hills Shire Council, 2019, p.53). Not only would the Glenhaven Community be faced with dealing with the exact same issues, the overall impact would be detrimental. Even with these issues being addressed at both the Hill’s Shire Council, November 2018 and March 2019 Meetings, on CP17 proposal, the council “did not warrant further amendment to CP17, or rejection of the proposed Holland Reserve site...” (The Hills Shire Council, 2019, p.53).

Considering that the Glenhaven community has already rejected the two other development proposals, this year alone, because of the potential negative impact they would’ve created. One being the Mosque Development on 31A Glenhaven Road, Glenhaven and the other being another Open Space proposal on 5 Kyle Avenue, Glenhaven. If the council could understand and acknowledge the concerns with those proposals, how is this proposal an exception?

In conclusion, I believe that there’s more than enough facts, information and opposing opinions, that the Hill’s Shire Council needs to amend and reject the CP17 plans on exploiting Holland Reserve.

Sincerely yours,

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**Sources:** 1. *Assessment of Contributions Plan 17 – Castle Hill North The Hills Shire Council, 20 September 2019*

2. *The Hills Shire Council, Business Paper, Meeting of 27 November 2018 and Business Paper, Meeting of 26 March 2019.*

3. *MINUTES of the duly convened Ordinary Meeting of The Hills Shire Council held in the Council Chambers, 27 November 2018*