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To whom it may concern,

I was born in Evans Head almost 70 years ago, with my parents residing in [REDACTED].

I spent many years working in Casino, but also spent a lot of years working in other towns around the state in the cattle industry. I always longed to make my way back to Evans Head where I had spent a lot of time at the Surf Club and surfing in my teenage years. I love the town, the people, the river and the National Parks that surround the town.

I was very proud to be the first President of the EHBCC, which went on to be in the running for one of the top awards in NSW for a Chamber, for a small town, this is a great achievement.

I am very concerned as to where we are headed as a committee. We were elected into this role by the members, being the business owners that contribute to forming and the progression of the committee. I feel we are currently not showing that we have their best interest at the foremost of our agenda. I did not approve of how the 'Iron Gates' or 'Vantage' survey was delivered. However, even with the bias delivery, there was still a 21/3 vote in favour of the development.

The Chamber's objective should be to promote the town, help the local business houses to survive in a very competitive world, which can then go onto sponsor local events and sporting clubs. I agree with the points that Peter Byrne has raised, we need to bring the focus back to what we were elected to do.

I am strongly in favour of the development. As with many of the other members of the chamber, I believe this development will help the Business houses in town survive. It will bring employment opportunities in the form of people using local builders and trades, along with the growing young families which will attend our schools and Daycare facilities, to the economic increase that comes with a higher population – eating at our restaurants and shopping in our retail and grocery outlets.

I add that I am only in favour of this development provided that all environmental issues have been addressed, including waterways. I have been assured that this is the case. The original owners of Bundjalung have signed off on the development and are satisfied that there are no graves on this land. I am of the firm belief that the developer has met these requirements, particularly considering this was previously farming land.

Graeme Ingles is a member of the EHBCC, there was a vacancy on the committee where he was nominated and elected unopposed on the executive committee. I believe he will be an asset to the committee.

Yours Sincerely,

Brian O'Farrell
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