

To: OLG - Richmond Valley Council <council@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au>; Planning Panels Mailbox <enquiry@planningpanels.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: OBJECTION TO IRON GATES/GOLD CORAL - DA2015/0096 & MASTERPLAN (Richmond Valley Council)

The General Manager,
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AND

The Director, Northern Region Planning & Assessments,
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18th November 2019

RE: IRON GATES/ GOLD CORAL – DA2015/0096 & MASTERPLAN

Dear Sir,

I refer to the above DA and Masterplan and would formally object on the following grounds:-

1. With bushfires burning all around us and wildlife being burnt to death, it is VERY IMPORTANT to retain as much natural countryside as possible for the sake of the planet.
2. Many animals and birds are being displaced close by, and preserving this habitat on the coastal belt is imperative.
3. The area of Iron Gates encompasses vast tracts of natural, vegetated areas, and should be retained undeveloped.
4. The proposal is a total, unsustainable, over-development for Evans Head.
5. **The Masterplan does not have sufficient cleared buffer zones for this type of development. 400m is required as a buffer, and this cannot be achieved.**
6. The addition of hundreds of new residents without increases in shops, community facilities, medical facilities, service stations, schools, sports grounds, jobs, etc is unsustainable.
7. The centre of Evans Head has been severely curtailed by the development of numerous houses behind the Council Chambers. This should have been retained as open space.

8. The developer has liquidated the Iron Gates P/L company and bounced back with Gold Coral P/L to avoid having to carry out remediation work under a Court order.
9. It is unethical for the developer to swamp Evans Head with leaflets saying “Good News from Iron Gates” with page 3 being “pro forma” responses to support his development.
10. The developer claims that the Council Strategy in 2016 indicated the town had the capacity to release 160 more lots. This has already been reserved on airport and other land.
11. The developer claims if the town does not expand, it could lose some Community Services. What services have already been lost? None.
12. The Aboriginal custodians do not appear to agree that their archaeology and history is being preserved as they were objectors at community meetings.
13. The developer claims new residents will be spending money in town, but where is the parking for all their vehicles? Parking areas are taken up daily by existing residents and visitors.
14. The area proposed for housing is just across the river from Dept of Defence land. How will residents be prevented from walking on the bombing area, especially when it is active?
15. This site will be subject to aircraft noise from the weapons zone.
16. The site is part SEPP14 wetland, and does flood.

Yours faithfully,

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