

SEKISUI UPDATE NO 6

Sekisui's advertising

We are all fully aware of Sekisui's sneaky tactics ie. removing their name from their advertising (?), only focusing on their small highrise resort and not their intention to construct a massive 1,000 odd residential unit complex (current approval 315), advertising all over the country in an attempt to gain support (for a proposal they already say they have support for) etc. etc. Sekisui have lots of money. They can do that. We don't. But we have people power AND WE PAY TAX in Australia!

Presentation to the State Government

As you may or may not be aware, Development Watch, accompanied by the Coolum Residents Association, Coolum & North Shore Coastcare and Sunshine Coast Environment Council, attended at Parliament House last Tuesday 10th October to meet with the Tourism Minister, Kate Jones. The purpose of the meeting was to present a superior outcome for tourism, the environment and the community, for Sekisui's site at Yaroomba. Unfortunately, the Minister had to go into parliament to debate a Bill so we met with her representatives instead. We also met with a representative from Steven Miles' office (Minister for the Environment). We left 6 copies of our presentation (both hard and USB) with them.

Now some might say the land belongs to Sekisui and it is not up to us as to what they can do with it. As far as DW is concerned, our Planning Scheme should dictate what Sekisui can do and if they want to override that, then the majority of the community who have to live with any change and/or could be affected by any change, must agree (in the public interest).

In due course, we will be follow up with the Ministers to obtain their feedback. We will also be seeking a meeting with our State Member Fiona Simpson to discuss our presentation.

Setting Precedents

As part of Sekisui's Development Application, reference is made to the highrise buildings already constructed in Coolum. This confirms our contention that developers will attempt to use height increases as a precedent for other inappropriate developments. So this could affect our whole area, not just Yaroomba.

What You Can Do to Help -

JOIN DW now (\$10) or REGISTER AS A FRIEND of DW. Go to our website www.developmentwatch.org.au and download our membership form OR contact our Treasurer (Tony) on 0417 001 590. There is no need to attend meetings but if you would like to, our next meeting is Thursday 19th October 6.30pm at Coolum Meals on Wheels.

SIGN OUR PETITION and **FOLLOW** us on facebook – both linked to our website www.developmentwatch.org.au.

DISPLAY YOUR SIGN: With a State Election looming we need to let all candidates and parties know we are opposed to Sekisui's inappropriate proposal.

Thanking you,
President
Development Watch Inc.