

SEKISUI-YAROOMBA UPDATE

REMINDER OF THE BACKGROUND

When SH Coolum Pty Ltd (Sekisui) purchased the Yaroomba beachside land from Lendlease in 2010, there was an existing generous approval attached to the land for 6 x 4 storey and a number of other 2 and 3 storey buildings. Sekisui for years just trickle developed the land with the occasional house. In 2017 Sekisui lodged a Development Application for an intense development which included a Hotel in buildings up to 7 storeys just on the other side of the parabolic dune and a very intense residential development on the remainder of the land. Sekisui touted events with up to 5,000 people. Sekisui have only provided details for Stage 1. They could therefore seek higher buildings in the other stages once stage 1 is completed. The 2014 Planning Scheme provides a height limit of 2 storeys. The THEN Council approved the development 6 to 5.

COURT CASES

Development Watch (DW) took the matter to the Planning and Environment Court and lost.

We appealed that decision to the Supreme Court and won. The Supreme Court found the Planning and Environment Court Judge had made three errors in her Judgment. One related to community expectation.

We then returned to the Planning and Environment Court for a short Hearing in August last year after which the Judge said it would be 4 to 5 months for her decision to be handed down. We have only just received Judge Kefford's decision on the 15 June (almost 11 months later). The Judge has again approved the development and failed to recognize the community's expectation.

We will be liaising with our legal team on a further Appeal to the Supreme Court. We have 30 business days within which to file the Notice of Appeal. If we decide to Appeal again, we will need to raise funds to cover the cost of our legal fees. The last Appeal cost just under \$100,000.00.

We will keep you posted on our decision.

DONATIONS

In the meantime, if you wish to make a donation you can do so at:

DW BANK DETAILS:

Name: DW Inc.

BSB: 124079

Account #: 10609799

Thanking you,
President,
Development Watch Inc.