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‘DEVELOPMENT WATCH WITHDRAWS FROM SUPREME COURT ACTION’

With the sale by Sekisui House of the 18.5ha Yaroomba landholding to the Dennis Family Corporation, who have a long reputation for building quality homes, Development Watch (DW) has withdrawn from the impending Court Hearing against Sekisui House (Sekisui) that was set down for November.

It has been an epic eight year battle that was launched originally to protect the Local Town Plan for the Yaroomba area against high rise buildings which were well outside the community’s expectations for the site, resulting in thousands of written objections.

In the intervening years there have been numerous court hearings lost and won by DW. However, DW has decided that, with the departure of Sekisui House and the arrival of the Dennis Family Corporation, a more positive outlook lies ahead. The Dennis Family Corporation, unlike Sekisui, speaks of “building communities” and from a perusal of the Dennis Family Corporation’s prior and current developments, they do not construct high rise 5 star hotels with serviced apartments which was the first stage of Sekisui’s development.

Commenting on the current situation, DW President Lynette Saxton said “It has been eight years of lost opportunity through an unwillingness by Sekisui to comply with the Town Plan”.

DW has already reached out to the Dennis Family Corporation and looks forward to working with them in the best interests of the wonderful Yaroomba community. A favourable outcome could result in much needed housing and job opportunities for the Sunshine Coast.

DW would like to thank the Sunshine Coast community for their undying support and tireless energy in fighting to protect our Town Plan. We pledge to continue to keep our attention focused on any Development Applications for our area that are clearly outside what our community expects under its Town Plan.

In the meantime, for the Yaroomba site, we look forward to a much better relationship between the community and the new owner.

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