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**REQUEST TO CALL IN AND OVERTURN AMENDMENT C73 (CADDYS ROAD)
LARA STRUCTURE PLAN.**

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to you to request that you **CALL IN** Amendment C73 which was approved by City of Greater Geelong on 12 April 2011. Approval of C73 will allow the rezoning of Rural Living Zone to RZ1, paving the way for 380+ high density houses directly opposite **Serendip Sanctuary**.

- This sets a **dangerous precedent** for open slather development of neighbouring rural land that buffers the sanctuary and places the very **survival of wildlife at risk**.
- **Serendip Sanctuary is a wetlands education centre, internationally recognised** for successfully breeding of captive species such as Brolga, Musk and Freckled Duck and now the Eastern Barred Bandicoot which is on the **brink of Extinction**. Numerous free ranging wildlife like the Cape Barren, Magpie Geese and Eastern Grey kangaroos breed here and spill over on to the rural land surrounding the Sanctuary. This a noted **and crucial wildlife corridor**.
- High density housing opposite the Sanctuary will bring increased numbers of cats and dogs and foxes as noted in Wood report.
- **Over 3000 residents or 87%** of Lara's enrolled voters have gone on record with submissions or petition signatures which were presented to the Legislative Assembly in November 2009 opposing the C73 Caddys Road Amendment. **This level of public opposition is unprecedented in City of Greater Geelong Council history. Geelong council back flipped their stance and ignored voice of the people who have been actively opposed to this development for 8years.**
- **Serendip Sanctuary and its environmental significance to Geelong and Victoria has been overlooked.**
- **An Independent Panel undervalued the vast majority of serious environmental, safety and community issues that resulted in C73 being approved. Lara has a serious lack of infrastructure, overcrowded schools and a well documented history of fire and flood risk .By approving this development Council have overlooked their duty of care to the residents of Lara.**
- **Careful and balanced planning is required for us all by Local and State Government. The integrity of the land must remain rural living zone to protect and buffer the sanctuary and developed in 1 hectare lots as recommended by Dept. of Sustainability and Environment. To the west of Lara close to 30 years lot supply is available for Lara's future development needs.**

Our natural assets must always be protected for us all and for our childrens future and the very existence of our wildlife.

I therefore REQUEST you Mr Guy as our State Planning Minister to CALL IN AND OVERTURN C73 Amendment to

- **PROTECT SERENDIP SANCTUARY from INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT.**

Sincerely

Name.....

Address.....Signature.....