

11th February, 2015

Mr B Shoebridge
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Alstonville NSW 2477

RE: SUBMISSION FOR PROPOSED ALSTONVILLE PRESCHOOL

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am wishing to make a submission regarding the proposed site for the new Alstonville Community Preschool - Alston Avenue, Alstonville Part Lot 161 in DP 247578

I am in full support of building a local preschool in Alstonville as my four year old currently has to travel to Wollongbar for preschooling.

However, looking at the plans it seems as if the site set aside for the development is directly ontop of a beautiful clump of established flora which includes some very sizable trees.

I have a strong objection to the clearing of our established trees in public places. Our planning authorities and developers seem to place little or no value on these valuable assets.

There is a lot of vacant land in the vicinity in question. I urge the decision makers and the wider public to protect what little public flora we have and instead zone off these assets or as a minimum incorporate these valuable trees and plants into planning considerations in tact.

The loss of these trees will completely change the aesthetics of that park area which is a much-loved part of Alstonville for my family and I.

Pool goers will not wish to be greeted by yet another building as they enter the pool grounds. It would be a tragedy to destroy that beautiful wall of greenery that sits so beautifully in the background of the pool area. Regardless of the type or age of the fauna, it would be an incredibly sad loss for anyone that takes pride in this community.

I strongly urge the council to redraw the site plans to preserve all those years of growth and the wonderful aesthetic value that this public space offers. Clearing the greenery will be a yet another needless disaster and will take years to repair. It will also reduce the shaded areas for children's playing and family picnicking.

The risk is that the whole area will become very uninspiring once the greenery is removed.

Its time to put a value on established trees in the public space as it is always the most dominant feature of any picturesque community setting. Compared to other localities around the country of a similar vintage, we have lost too much already in my humble opinion.

Please take my submission into consideration and proceed with common sense and caution.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr B Shoebridge and family.

Sandra Bailey

From: Marie Thorpe <mtt1999@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 11 February 2015 10:04 PM
Subject: Re: Proposal to Lease Community Land Adjoining 19 Alston Avenue, Alstonville

On Wed, Feb 11, 2015 at 9:56 PM, Marie Thorpe <mtt1999@gmail.com> wrote:
This proposed lease/use of Crawford Park, Alstonville is not acceptable to residents and users of the Park. Apart from the site's physical unsuitability and the deliberate decision to destroy the Radburn design principles which defined Crawford Park, the charade that characterised the so-called public hearing, and the conflict of interest Council embraced by refusing to use the Regional Planning panel, all led to an apparent abuse of process.

This matter, with all relevant information, will be referred to the Minister for Planning.

One must ask - "Why are Alstonville children and residents less important than those living in Ocean Shores, Byron Shire Council?"

Byron Shire Council, at their Council Meeting held on 5th February, 2015, denied Telstra's application to erect a tower because of its proximity and potential to endanger the health of young children in an existing pre-school and to residents in the area. They requested Telstra find other location/s for a new base station AWAY from residents and schools

There is a Telstra tower within 200 metres of the proposed Alstonville Community pre-school site. Why would Ballina Shire councillors be pursuing this area as an appropriate site?

I suggest Council revisit the level, drained, seldom used Cawley Park which has through streets on two sides, is not a natural watercourse and at least twice the distance from the Telstra tower.

I'm sure there would be sufficient area for high school students to share parking space.

Yours faithfully

Marie Thorpe

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Dear Ms. Amy Cahill,

*Proposal to lease Community Land
adjoining property - Alston Avenue
Alstonville.

This proposed lease/use of Crawford Park is not acceptable to residents. Apart from the sites physical unsuitability and the deliberate decision to destroy the principles which defined Crawford Park, the charade that characterised the so-called public hearing and the conflict of "interest" Council embraced by refusing to use the Regional Planning Process all led to an apparent abuse of process, leading our family to question Why?

One must ask -

Are the residents of Ocean Shores, Byron Shire Council - given more importance than the children and residents of the Alstonville District?

Byron Shire Council resolved that it not provide "owners consent" to Telstra's application to erect a tower

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on a site in close proximity to an existing pre-school. Byron Shire Council supports Telstra in improving its service to the area but requests that it find another location for a new base-station tower AWAY from residents and schools.

WE already have a Telstra Tower established next to The Alstonville Plaza. Why would Ballina Shire Council want to develop a Pre-School within 200m of this tower?

WHY not use the ex-netball courts - vacant land? Great location, two streets road access, level already drained and enough space for a Pre-school. (Located between Coral Street and Ashland Street)

(Also there still would be ample space for the High School students to park their cars.)

As a bonus less developmental costs for the Pre-School Fund-raiser Body as well.

This would leave the open land at Crawford Park available for families of the future - as it was originally planned!

Yours Respectively

Narelle & Trevor Smees * Narelle Smees
Adam Smees * Adam Smees