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Please find attached our submission to the Wonthaggi North East PSP.
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To whom it may concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission into the North Wonthaggi Precinct Development.

Our property is situated at [REDACTED] and has frontage to the entire northern boundary of the development.

During significant rainfall events, caused by flooding from the Powlett River flood plain and storm water run off from the Wonthaggi township, approximately 50% of our property is severely impacted.

We operate a highly productive dairy farm. Growing and managing pasture and caring for highly valuable livestock are integral to our business.

Although we understand and accept the nature of a floodplain and how this impacts on our business, it is not acceptable to have our business further impacted by additional development which increases the flood damage to our property.

It is my understanding that it is illegal to increase, divert or alter a water course or drainage that impacts on other parties.

The Drainage Strategy for Wonthaggi North East PSP document states that culverts under Heslop Road and Korumburra -Wonthaggi Road would have to be increased in size to cater for the increased run off and water flow. This in itself is an admission that more water will be flowing through our property.

Also stated in the document is that "no substantial impact" would be caused to our property from the development. This is a matter of dispute, as ANY increase in run off or water flow will have an undeniable impact on our business. The consultants are evidently unaware of the potential consequences and level to which we may be impacted.

Although the report states that no household dwellings would be impacted, other structures like dairies, feed pads, effluent ponds, water dams, and the ability to house, move and manage livestock with the farm submerged under water, have not been considered. Also, the mental pressure and anxiety that is contributed to the increased flooding cannot be measured.

At no time were we consulted or have we had the opportunity to talk with anybody as to how this development would impact on our business.

We are not opposed to the development, however, we do not believe adequate thought or consultation has gone into understanding the impacts on those businesses affected.

If this was to proceed a number of issues would have to be addressed.

Any storm water run off has the potential to contain heavy metal and other contaminants. We would expect the highest level of compliance to be monitored at all times and the testing results to be made available.

We would expect compensation and restoration through works done on our property to manage any increase in water events. This would include increased capacity of drainage works, paddock redevelopment, improved drainage into the Powlett River and increased capacity of the culverts on the bridge on Pinkerton Road.

Our dairy farm and cattle are of world renown, and the milk products we produce are expected to meet our milk processor's and consumers' expectations of a clean green image. We believe this development should not impede us from pursuing our business objectives.

Yours sincerely,

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