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SUBMISSION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA 326/2011(1) - 1502 FOREST ROAD, ORANGE.

DA for Housing for Aged and Disabled Persons (six group homes), Office (administration) and Associated Ancillary Site Works on Lot 230 DP 720596, Part of the Bloomfield Bushland, located on the Orange Health Service/Bloomfield Hospital Site.

Mr G. Styles
General Manager
Orange City Council
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Dear Mr Styles,

The Environmentally Concerned Citizens of Orange (ECCO) is a highly respected organization representing a broad cross section of the Orange community who are seeking to protect important native bushland areas from the impacts of inappropriate development.

ECCO is strongly opposed to Development Application 326/2011(1) for Housing for Aged and Disabled Housing affecting approximately 4 ha of native woodland on the Bloomfield Hospital site.

ECCO's main objection is the significantly damaging impact that the six group homes, office and roadworks, and the associated 50 metre wide Asset Protection Zone, will have on the flora and fauna on the site, which has been independently assessed and constitutes a biologically diverse habitat.

The site is a confirmed habitat of the endangered Superb Parrot (TSC Act 1995, EPBC Act 1999), and the majority of vegetation (Candlebark, Ribbon Gum, Black Sallee and associated grassy woodland) has been classified as an Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995. The site also has a number of significant hollow bearing trees with nesting potential for Superb Parrots and other endemic wildlife.

In the adjoining Bloomfield and Gosling Creek Reserves there have been confirmed sightings with photographic evidence of nesting Superb Parrots with young.

The applicant in its Statement of Environmental Effects acknowledges that an Endangered Ecological Community is located on the site which will be impacted by the proposed development, and that the site is used by the endangered Superb Parrot for foraging, but that the Parrot does not appear to nest or breed on the site.

ECCO is of the opinion that the proposed development would adversely affect the Superb Parrots, as it is highly probable that they are in fact nesting and breeding, as well as foraging within the proposed development site, and also that the proposed development would adversely affect the Endangered Ecological Community at the site.

ECCO previously submitted an objection to DA 197/2011(1) Proposed Subdivision for the site, and requests that this submission (attached) also be considered as a submission opposing DA 326/2011(1) Housing for Aged and Disabled Persons.

Yours sincerely

Neil Jones
President
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2nd November, 2011