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Fern Creek Second Exhibition PP0002/16

I strongly object to the rezoning Planning Proposal PP0002/16.

I have been monitoring for years the unfolding of the Fern Creek/council saga.

I realise that it is a pointless exercise responding because council has predetermined the end result a long time ago.

After witnessing the chaos of the first exhibition, I now continue to see many errors, fabrications and omissions of facts in the second exhibition.

Also, in my opinion, council is a developer and salesman and the judge and jury as well! Although this is an unfinished proposal, the intention appears to be for council to slip it through no matter what. Where is the proper survey map? Why in the second exhibition is it still missing? Surely a survey has been prepared?

The sale of 9 Fern Creek Road was advertised early in 2016 with a VPA and a MOU with an approximate dwellings yield. The conflict of interests and apprehension of bias is apparent to any reasonable observer: one arm of council is busy planning the intended land swap of land that had been purchased from private owners for declared open space and another arm of council is the judge and jury for the proposal.

I would expect that under these circumstances that there should be a very tight probity report provided. Where is that probity report?

It is my opinion that the proposal is nothing less than a scandal. Perhaps the Department of Planning should now investigate this matter and it's history from 2008 to the present day.

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