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[Councillor or Mayor’s name],

Ipswich City Council
45 Roderick Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Australia

Dear [Councillor or Mayor’s Name],

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development in Woogaroo Forest. As a concerned resident of Ipswich, I believe that approving further development in this area would have significant negative impacts on our community and the environment.

Woogaroo Forest is a vital ecological area that supports a diverse range of flora and fauna, including several species that are listed as threatened in Queensland. The forest provides habitat for koalas, powerful owls, brush-tailed phascogales, and other native wildlife. The destruction of this habitat would not only threaten these species but also disrupt the ecological balance of the region.

There are sound economic arguments to protect Woogaroo Forest. It will promote eco-tourism as a sustainable revenue source. Preserving the forest can attract tourists, creating jobs and boosting local businesses.

The potential for earning carbon credits by maintaining the forest, which can be sold to companies looking to offset their carbon emissions.

Protecting Woogaroo is not only critically important in preserving the habitat for endangered species like koalas, which can enhance the area's ecological value and attract funding from environmental organizations.

It is a valuable area to allow the community to benefit from natural unspoiled habitat for community health, including mental well-being and recreational opportunities.

Allowing the council to move in line with integrating sustainable development practices that balance growth with conservation, ensuring long-term ecological and economic benefits.

The forest has enormous potential in developing educational initiatives to raise awareness about the forest's ecological importance, fostering community support and involvement.

The ICC can promote Public-Private Partnerships, it can encourage collaborations between government, businesses, and environmental groups to fund and manage conservation efforts. This will show ICC as a progressive leading example of what can be done.

The ICC’s CSR goals can be highlighted and made an example showing how supporting forest preservation can enhance the ICC public image and fulfill the ICC sustainability commitments.

I urge the Ipswich City Council to reconsider the approval of this development and to prioritise the preservation of Woogaroo Forest. Protecting this valuable natural resource is essential for the sustainability of our environment and the quality of life for all residents, the opportunity for business and government to gain leverage and value in the long run.

Thank you for considering my submission. I hope that the council will take the necessary steps to ensure the protection of Woogaroo Forest for future generations.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]