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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.

Local community opinions on the proposed development of Woogaroo Forest are strongly opposed to the project.

Many residents and environmental advocates are worried about the impact on local wildlife, particularly endangered species like koalas and powerful owls. The forest is seen as a crucial habitat that supports over 130 native species.

There have been significant protests and rallies against the development. Hundreds of concerned residents have participated in these events, expressing their dissatisfaction with the lack of political support and the potential ecological damage.

The forest is valued not only for its biodiversity but also for its role in connecting fragmented habitats. This connectivity is essential for the survival of various species, and its loss would have far-reaching consequences.

Critics argue that the current development control plans are outdated and do not adequately protect the environment. They call for a reassessment of these plans to prioritize ecological preservation.

Some community members suggest that developers could relinquish their rights to the area, allowing Council and the state to purchase and protect it as a conservation area.

These opinions highlight the community's strong commitment to preserving Woogaroo Forest and their concerns about the potential negative impacts of the proposed development.

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. Having a natural protected reserve near a rail hub would attract visitors especially leading up to the upcoming Olympics and beyond that could be a showcase of a progressive Council, a legacy that you would be remembered for, attract tourist related revenue for the Springfield and Ipswich.

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]