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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.

Furthermore, Woogaroo Forest serves as an important recreational area for local residents. It is a place where people can connect with nature, engage in outdoor activities, and enjoy the tranquillity of the natural environment. The proposed development, which includes 1,800 homes, a commercial centre, a childcare centre, and a local sport park, would significantly alter the landscape and diminish the quality of life for current and future residents.

The forest also plays a crucial role in maintaining the health of the local ecosystem. It helps to regulate the climate, improve air quality, and manage water resources. The removal of approximately 320 hectares of native bushland would have far-reaching consequences for the environment and the well-being of the community.

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]