

A SAFE COMMUNITY into the FUTURE  
& the elephant in the room - our climate changing

Recently I was on a link up with a group called Sustaining All Life. SAL have status with the UN and are a program to assist communities, particularly communities already heavily impacted by climate change to have a voice at the UN climate talks - the COPs.

SAI will send a delegation to the 2018 Global Climate Action Summit, to be hosted in San Francisco in 2 weeks time. The summit will bring together state and local governments, business, and citizens. There will be voices from around the world to showcase climate **action** taking place in the race against climate change.

The summit aims to inspire deeper national commitments in support of the Paris Agreement.

In many places now, local governments and state governments are stepping up their action to address climate change where national governments are failing.

The summit organisers state "*we are almost certainly underestimating the risks*" - economic, food security, health, increase in numbers of climate refugees, rising temperatures and other major climate disruptions which are occurring ever more frequently.

I mention this worldwide concern in connection with the RLS and it's likely ensuing *development*.

I put it to you that we **cannot** afford to risk the increasing carbon emissions this development proposal will certainly cause and that instead, we need to be making *concerted commitments* to drawing down carbon from the atmosphere.

In Eurobodalla we could be a model community in that regard. Leading the way! Something to **really** feel good about!

To keep warming below the 2 degrees temperature that is heading us towards catastrophic consequences - worldwide emissions must start trending down as soon as possible.



In the last few weeks, along with several other community members, I have spoken with a few hundred people here in Eurobodalla - to help them understand this very large RLS proposal for our shire, that council is set to consider today. Many people were unaware and when looking at some of the details of what is being proposed many people have been **alarmed**. They were **shocked** about what ensuing development flowing from zoning changes will mean for our land, waterways and lives here if council push ahead.

**This decision needs more time.** I acknowledge that it has already been years in the planning and therefore is probably frustrating to consider a further period for letting people comprehend what is proposed but I put it to you that *that* is not a good enough reason to push it through. It needs more time... for the community to consider the changes and for the community to hear and understand council's responses to state agencies' very serious concerns.

Councillors, I am sorry if this feels like an attack. It is **not** a personal attack. But this strict process we meet within here in council is not the most elegant way to make the real contact that our human brains are wired to do - thereby being able to thoughtfully consider things *together*.

Things between people can get hard when we disagree but please lets keep talking, sharing and respecting each other's **deeper** concerns and keep seeking a cooperative outcome. We *can* find a better process to consider this most critical decision! *about our rural & coastal lands*

Our climate crisis and the back slidings on the Paris agreement to limit emissions have us running out of time. I'm talking - **Out of time for survival on earth**. The looming crisis is very hard to face but it's real and things are set to get really terrible. Almost every week a climate related disaster. Never before for instance, have there been wildfires in the Arctic Circle.

So this is my ask - that we - step back and reconsider this proposal with a thoughtful respectful process! Let us in Eurobodalla lead the way to limiting and bringing down our emissions and be a model contributor to preserving a decent climate for life on earth & safe community!

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CC is one of the 2 biggest issues for farmers  
the other is connectivity

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