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Springwood Town Centre Revitalisation

Submission Form

To:
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IMPORTANT:

Submissions must be made in writing and
lodged with Council by
9am on Monday 24 September

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Your comments are welcome and will be considered within the context of all submissions lodged.

Southern Car Park Option

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Please make any other comments in the space below:

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Northern Car Park Option

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Civic Centre Site Option

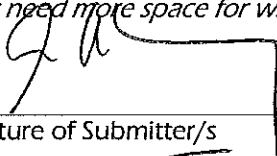
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Signature of Submitter/s



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Lindsay Curry
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August 27th 2007

Well intentioned Councillors and Town Planners,

The proposed Springwood Town Centre Revitalisation programme is not a programme for revitalization but rather a programme for a death march of Springwood business. If implemented it will only lead to the bankruptcy of business proprietors and property owners.

The advent of Winmalee Shopping Town and Penrith Plaza created the problem and Springwood now faces the development of a 3rd player which will only eventually weaken either or both Winmalee and Springwood precincts.

With only a projected 8% population growth over 15 years where is the market to support this initiative? The large national/international players can hold out and starve the local proprietors. We see reports of this around the country on all too regular basis.

The construction of a retail concrete edifice at the entrance to the Springwood Village will decimate the charm of the local shopping strip. The very charm which currently sets Springwood apart. This is our **strength** and should be **nourished** and **encouraged** further to overcome the current problems.

Recommendation

In my view the Civic Centre site is the perfect location to establish an Interactive/Heritage tourist attraction, perhaps along the lines of the Qantas/Longreach Hall of Fame in Queensland.

Let's remember in 1813 Blaxland, Wentworth & Lawson with their Mountain Trek opened up the Liverpool Plains to not only save the fledging colony put to sustain and feed the growing population.

We are in a unique position here as the birthplace of the nation and in my view would attract both domestic and international tourists with such a world class centre.

The proposed Heritage Centre could also house the Library, Civic Centre, Neighbourhood Centre etc., etc., thus giving Council the upgraded infrastructure it is urgently seeking with no capital outlay.

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The funding of such a project would include all stakeholders namely:

- (i) Federal Government
- (ii) State Government
- (iii) Local Council
- (iv) Private entrepreneurs

Longreach may have the birthplace of Qantas and its very successful Stockmans Hall of Fame, surely what we have is of a huge national and state significance and interest.

I have travelled internationally and seen such successful projects in the USA, Canada & Europe. In my view the current perceived malaise of Springwood can be overcome by implementing the following 3 initiatives:

1. Improved signage on the highway and traffic flow.
2. Development of the Civic Centre site as an interactive Heritage Centre.
3. Marketing of the service and charm of local business which can further set Springwood apart.

I am available to assist Council and stakeholders bring my proposal to reality should you desire.

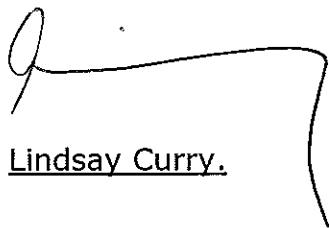
Please do not sign off on the death of local business in Springwood by implementing any of your 3 preferred options.

One comment I would make in relation to any proposed acceptance by Council of an "expression of interest" by a developer. The proposed 6 week time frame for a proposer to compile and submit comprehensive plans is hopelessly inadequate for such a large project. This minimal "window of opportunity" reeks of favouritism of a preferred developer. A more realistic time frame is 3 to 6 months.

Any time frame of a lesser period must, should and will be submitted to the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption for investigation.

I would value your written comments to this submission for ongoing community consultation.

Yours faithfully,



Lindsay Curry.

