

Battling to make Kingscliff better

IN reply to J Cornford (DN 30/5). Your readers may not be aware that we have been associated with Kingscliff much longer than most residents, having purchased the vast bulk of the Kingscliff land in 1969 and ran cattle and horses most of the time since. I am sure that our interests in Kingscliff are much greater than anyone else living in that area.

We first attempted to bring a supermarket into Kingscliff in 1978, but that was blocked, we believe, by other business interests in the shire, and we believe that to be the case still after spending millions of dollars in the effort.

Council has spent large amounts of ratepayers' money in attempting to protect the few snails and frogs of which so many are present in non-urban protected areas.

Shire residents would get quite a surprise how much it has cost them with consultants and many court actions. I wonder is that what they want?

The people of Kingscliff might show us some consideration in the fact that we were instrumental in relocating the massive increase in the sewer plant and the polluting turf farm so close to them, and greatly increasing the value of

all the other property owners in the area.

The beach does not belong to the handful in Mr Gladwin's organisation but to all the shire residents and future residents, and indeed to everybody.

I repeat that the land is very rare in being zoned urban, and they are not the only ones who want to live near a beach.

People should be grateful that we have preserved this area at very considerable cost, and it has the potential to become a unique, very attractive well-designed town, not blighted by a large district centre council wants on our land near the beach, which we hope to prevent at large cost to ourselves.

That handful of Kingscliff residents objecting, I feel, are not as representative as council has considered in the past, in accepting their submissions for the whole of the coast.

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