

YOUR VIEW

Billboards help tell true story

REGARDING Jerry Cornford's letter (A question of the right zone, DN 30/9). The billboards erected at the site of the future Tweed Coast Centre are not kite flying nor presumptive towards the community.

They are at the site recommended by the definitive Core Economics council-paid retail study, produced after so many years of time and expense, but withheld improperly from not only the public but even from councillors.

The true documents, concealed and censored by council strategic planner are available to all, together with the full court incriminating transcripts on Gales' website www.gales-kingscliff.com.

Jerry and others would be well advised to look up the transcripts and report before commenting on zoning.

He is wrong in the description as 'town' centre, when the problem is all about the 'district' centre for servicing the shire south of the Tweed River.

Gales firmly agrees with Jerry and the local residents that there should not be a district town centre behind Kingscliff beach, but it agrees with council's and other consultants that there is a need for another supermarket in Kingscliff.

Gales started its planning for a supermarket in 1993,

and still owns the only areas ever suitable for really adequate property traffic and parking.

Council's expensive consultant examined every possible area in the shire and his conclusion is that apart from Chinderah there is no other suitable site, and this conforms with the opinions of many other senior consultants.

There have been suggestions that the state government might rezone the highest value agricultural land in Australia (about 2km south of the Chinderah site along Tweed Coast Road) to host a district centre. This would be simply outrageous from a government which endeavours to preserve scarce environmental, rural and agricultural land on the Tweed Coast.

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