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Dear Council,

Submission to the Draft Recreation and Open Space Strategy.

We refer you to a Key Recommendation in the above Strategy:

“Kyla Park Grazing Lands: Investigate possibility of Tomakin Model Aero Club using this land for flying”

The THPA strongly opposes this recommendation as the activity will be directly in conflict with the core objectives of management of these grazing lots under their Community Land category of Area of Cultural Significance and their Heritage Listing.

At a meeting with Council on Friday 28th, August 2009 members of the Eurobodalla Model Aero Club (EMAC) requested an area of space to enable them to regularly fly their model planes (currently up to 4 times per week). We assume that Tomakin Model Aero Club is part of the Eurobodalla Club and understand their requirements to be as follows:

- Preferably an area of approximately 5 hectares of cleared land with road access in the vicinity of Moruya, but outside of town limits and no closer than 5 kilometers from any airfield (CASA requirement) and the area to be passed by CASA as suitable for Club use.
- Their core area approximately 100m square for the actual Landing Strip and Club infrastructure; the remaining part of the 5 hectares could be leased for animal grazing, or sharing with compatible recreation club (they also stated that cows do not seem to react to model plane noise).
- No power nor water is required to the site and the Club Members will maintain mowing in proximity to the Landing Strip. The Landing Strip at the end of each flight session is to be protected by an electric fence which the club will provide to keep animals off the Landing Strip. They would like to be able to erect a small storage shed to house a Ride-on Mower etc as well as a carport for sun protection for Club Members.

We have many concerns about these requirements, as follows:-

- At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 February, 2003 Council resolved that Lots 75, 76, 77, 78 and 79 be listed for consideration on the Heritage Register as part of the Rural LEP review. [Note that Lot 79

is now Lot 790 DP 1040710]. The purpose of the Kyla Park Community Land – Areas of Cultural Significance – Plan of Management No. 27 is to afford legal protection to these heritage items and to offer incentives for their conservation. The plan also aims to update the heritage conservation provisions to reflect the model provisions prepared by the NSW Heritage Office.

- Any activity other than the grazing of cattle on these grazing lots may seriously compromise the heritage listing of this land and as such, expose the land once again to consideration by Council that it is Council-owned real estate ready for plunder.
- Lot 76 would appear to be the only grazing land location being considered for the club to use as Lots Nos. 78 & 790 are under a 21 year grazing lease with locked gates to prevent cattle escaping and Lot 77 is used for horse agistment. As there is little opportunity for roadside parking anywhere along Hector McWilliam Drive adjacent to the grazing lots vehicles would need to park within Lot 76 itself. **A volume of traffic movements on a regular basis at this location would be extremely dangerous due to the lack of visibility in both directions along Hector McWilliam Drive.**
- Equally of concern to THPA would be the need for a toilet on site. As the site has no town water a tank would need to be installed to service a septic and hand washing facilities which would then require a water pump – would this be electric or petrol?
- The Kyla grazing lots are often flown over by local commercial aircraft at a height of 1000m or so as they approach Moruya from the south. No doubt the club intends to notify CASA of this in their own application.

We request that Council rejects this key recommendation and advises the Eurobodalla Model Aero Club to find a more suitable location such as the riverside reserves to the west of Moruya.

Yours sincerely
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Secretary THPA.