

Drive-in site makes way for units

Glencorp's multi-unit development at the former drive-in cinema site in Woree has been approved much to the relief of Mr Udo Jattke.

Only Cr Robert Pyne and Cr Linda Cooper voted against the proposal at the Cairns Regional Council meeting on May 15.

The proposed 511 units in four storeys within 20 building envelopes had been deferred at the April 24 council meeting pending discussions with the applicant and councillors regarding high voltage power lines, traffic, density, design and acid sulphate soils.

The proposal was referred to the Department of Main Roads, Powerlink, Queensland Transport and the Department of Natural Resources and Water.

The site totals 6.271ha, however, the area subject to this proposal is 5.5457ha. It is located in a Residential 3 Planning area and Multi Unit Housing is code assessable.

The Multi Unit Housing comprising 32 one bedroom units, 400 two bedroom units and 41 three bedroom units and 48 four bedroom villas will surround one of four proposed pool areas with a tennis court at the rear and has 895 car parking spaces.

Cr Pyne said his position reflected a strong concern in the community that the densities involved with these sort of developments have

long-term social consequences.

"More and more air-conditioned boxes, stacked one upon the other is not the answer for our town. The developer is confident my concerns are not valid and I hope he is right," Cr Pyne said.

Cr Cooper cited traffic issues and the effect of an additional 890 resident vehicles on a road system already at saturation point.

Mr Jattke said the power lines were no longer in use.

"There's no operation through those powerlines and I have written confirmation from Powerlink that they will be taken down by 2009. They are truly very expensive clothes lines," Mr Jattke said.

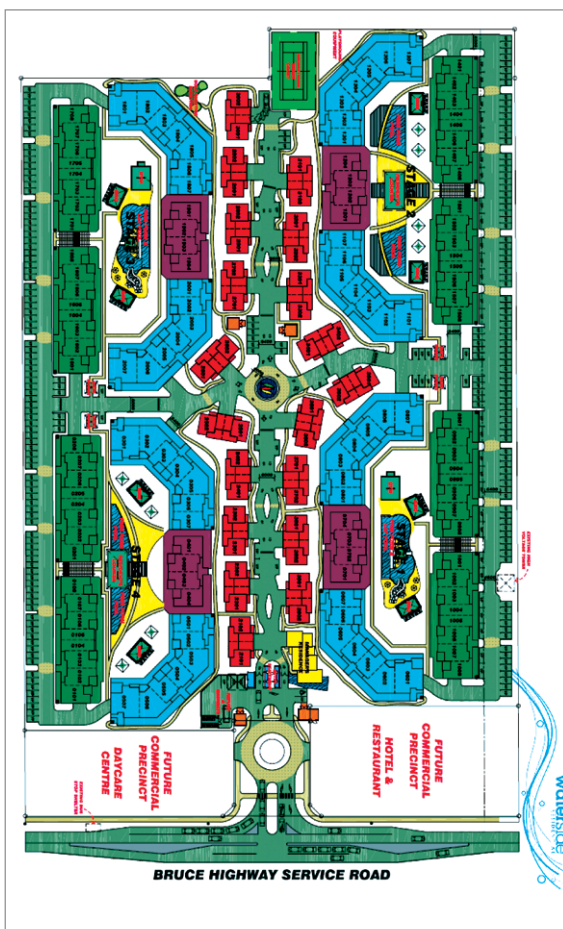
Traffic movement was not in his control but he said he had to carry out a traffic study at his expense to meet with the Department of Main Roads criteria.

The developments original entry and exit points did not comply and hence they worked with the Department to get it right.

Work will begin at the site in July with a three-year construction timeframe in four stages of development. The first stage will see 120 units go up and after six months the second stage of the development will commence.

Mr Jattke said with building work slowing down dramatically, this development would be the only one to offer major construction work in the next 12 to 18 months.

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Glencorp's 511 Unit development plan



The former drive-in site at Woree.

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number one in the Aria charts where it stayed for two weeks.

His follow-up single "Telephone Booth" also hit the top ten and cemented Mossy's position as a standout solo act.

His latest offering is no exception with the release of an acoustic album - Six Strings. Audiences will be impressed by the velvet smooth vocals and stunning instrumental skills of the former Cold Chisel mainstay.

Ian Moss and Jon Stevens first joined forces for the 'Six Strings and The Works' tour two years ago which saw them perform to sell-out audiences.

It was just a natural progression they'd join forces again and the plan this time was to traverse the breadth of Australia and play to audiences who haven't had a chance to see either performer in a long time.

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