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**INQUIRY INTO THE PROTECTIONS WITHIN THE VICTORIAN
PLANNING FRAMEWORK**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I've been a resident of Dingley Village for 26 years and a former member of the Kingswood Golf Course.

I'm at odds to understand why Government is contemplating allowing a huge housing project to proceed on the Kingswood Golf Club land. Trees are currently being cut down at intervals – why I find it disturbing is that Councils and Governments are very concerned about “**Climate Change**” yet they are approving the erection of multi-storey concrete structures and the cutting down of trees. Trees are so important to the health of our environment creating clean air. If Governments and Councils are so concerned they should be **planting more trees** not approving concrete buildings which are appearing all around the State especially near railway stations.

In Dingley we only have buses for public transport NO TRAINS OR TRAMS. Now Victorian Government has approved the closing down of Old Dandenong Road for a Rail yard. We don't have a railway anywhere near Dingley only buses, yet we are going to lose access to one of our main exit roads.

There are 2 government and 1 religious primary school in the Dingley area. For secondary education students need to travel to Cheltenham or Mentone. There is a private school in Springvale Road, but not all parents can afford private education for their children. So buses are the only way students can get to school or they are driven by their parents creating congestion around the schools at peak times.

This Super fund have purchased 127 hectares of land not knowing the zoning law governing the property and expecting everyone to jump to their requirements. What worries me is we are governed by the Labor Party in Victoria who support unions and union run Super funds, so there is very little chance of fair play or a realistic view of the re-development of Kingswood.

8,000 residents of Dingley Village wrote to the Council in protest of such a monstrous structure in our Village. No consideration to the way the rest of the Village has been constructed.

The early planners of this village had safety in mind for the children of the area with all streets off Centre Dandenong Road and Lower Dandenong Road ending at a small park, so there are no “through roads”. Howard Road runs from Centre Dandenong Road to Lower Dandenong Road. These roads are the main way out of the Village.

If this development goes ahead we are back to the early days of Richmond where all

houses are joined together. NO PARKING for residents, visitors, trades people, no open spaces. Has anyone from the Planning Committee even set foot in Dingley to see the area. It would be an eye opener to view the Dandenong Council approved monstrosity opposite Bunnings in Cheltenham Road, it is just wall to wall housing no yard around any of the properties. Even those fronting Cheltenham Road have no yard, a little fence for the length of the property. Laneways separating the houses which are all “bumper to bumper” it is disgraceful that Council has approved such a hideous development.

I truly wonder what sort of people stand for election. There is obviously no idea of how to run our beautiful Country which is being destroyed by over zealous developers and money hungry governments.

Governments have to realise that you can't please all the people all the time, and the best decision is the one that keeps everyone happy a little bit of the time. In my view Majority should rule with some consideration to the minority. It seems in recent times the minor groups have all the say and governments are hood winked to give in to their unrealistic demands.

Yours sincerely from a concerned citizen
Joan Ford