



State of Hawaii Land Use Commission Re: Makila Rural Community EIS

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Comments on:

State Land Use Commission

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Makila Rural Community EIS

We wanted to comment on the proposed development being planned for the Launiupoko area. We feel that this high-density development is quite inappropriate and harmful to the environment for the following reasons:

- Currently, the area consists of large-lot parcels zoned Agricultural and many of us use our land for agricultural purposes. The proposed development will require re-zoning the area below us as Rural and Urban to meet the small-lot, high-density requirements. This will greatly change the character of the area from being a self-sustaining agricultural area to another subdivision like they have in Kihei.
- The planned development will certainly result in greatly increased traffic. As proposed with only one viable entry/exit, the current traffic situation, which is already quite challenging, will become unmanageable.
- The plan to use the existing Launiupoko water resources is completely unrealistic. The water company has already recommended water-rationing measures at the current level of development. To add a new subdivision will at least as many people as are already serviced in Launiupoko would be a disaster for the existing water users, both for potable water and non-potable water which is used by us for agricultural purposes. Significant new water sources need to be found before this development has any hope of being successful.
- The new development will overwhelm the resources of the Launiupoko beach park and spoil what is now a gem in the West Maui area.

In summary, this extremely high-density development has no place being built in this area as it is currently configured. We are not completely anti-development. We would look more favorably upon a development with a much-lower density (1 acre lots minimum) that does not require rezoning as Urban and which addresses completely our concerns listed above.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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