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Hi,

I've spent hours reviewing the Olowalo Town EIS. There are parts of it that I like. Actually, if you believe we need this kind of growth, it is nice planned community.

But, NOT for this location. Olowalo Reef is a world renowned treasure already under stress. Can a large scale development like this be cleanly implemented without damaging the environment? Many experts say no. You need only consider the recent fiasco of Kapalua Mahana Estates to give you pause. Even if this were possible, once complete the daily impacts of 4500 new residents, all residing within walking distance to the reef, will likely degrade it forever.

This EIS requires careful review. I noticed several places where the authors list specific mitigation strategies being *considered* and then later say because of the mitigation there will be no impact. For example, on page 69 of Volume I, speaking about runoff water quality, it says to "To accomplish these goals the following stormwater BMPs in Table 10 are being *considered* for the project." On the next page it says, "Based on the ... proposed mitigation measures, the proposed Master plan will not likely pose any significant negative effects..." In the end, wouldn't approval of this loose language in this EIS give the developer license to implement all, some or none of the *considered* mitigation? Shouldn't the EIS be focused on what the developer *will* do, not what the developer is *considering*? This type of loose non-committed language is pervasive throughout the document.

I suggest you reject this Olowalo Town EIS which glosses over the risk associated with a project of this magnitude nestled above this priceless reef. You should also be wary of the non-committed language in this EIS which provides, in many places, just a flavor of what the developer is *considering* rather than what is planned.

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