

State of Hawaii
Land Use Commission
Re: A10-786 Olowalu Town FEIS
Hearing Date: December 7, 2015

I, Mark G. Hyde, a resident of Maui County, offer the following testimony regarding the inadequacy of the proposed Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Olowalu Town with respect to traffic, health and safety.

1. The traffic study fails to consider the health and safety risks posed to West Maui residents, commuters and visitors by placing a major new community on the sole arterial roadway used by all to get to and from Central Maui where the only hospital facility is located and where stroke and heart care must be obtained.

2. The roadway in and out of West Maui is a two-lane road constrained by the ocean and mountains, with the Pali confining a significant stretch at the southern region of the area.

3. The road around the backside of West Maui is a wholly inadequate safety valve in the event of a **health emergency¹, natural disaster² or terrorist attack³**.

4. There are an estimated **57,200** people in West Maui on any given day (even before Olowalu Town is created), calculated as follows:

a. **29,000** residents as of 2015. (Maui County General Plan, Chapter 1, Population, page 2.)

b. An average of 20,000 cruise ship passengers per month or roughly **700** per day. (2002 and 2003 Hawaii Cruise Industry Impact Study, page 17, indicating 236,000 cruise passengers visiting the state in 2003, divided by 12 months and assuming each ship visits Lanaina.)

c. **25,000** average daily tourists. (2014 Maui County Data Book, page 181, indicating an average daily visitor census of 54,266, and assuming 25,000 of these with accommodations in West Maui - the oldest and largest tourist hub on Maui.)

d. A significant number of daily commuters to West Maui, where the jobs are, from Central Maui, where housing stock exists. (Estimated at **2,500**.)

5. For all these reasons, it would be foolhardy and irresponsible to construct a new town in the pathway of the sole entry and exit to the area that is already at

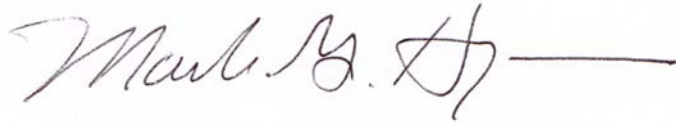
¹ Heart attack, stroke, pandemic, etc.

² Earthquake, flood, hurricane, landslide, tsunamis, wildfires, etc.

³ Dirty bomb, chemical or biological attack, bombings, mass shootings, etc.

significant risk in the event of an emergency or natural disaster, not to mention traffic impact on tourist and resident satisfaction with the daily experience. (See Report to the Twenty-Fourth Legislature, State of Hawaii, 2008, "Priorities, Findings and Recommendations, Disaster Preparedness," page 81: "Increases in terms of magnitude, scale, scope, or geographic area will quickly outstrip county resources and services, creating a scenario of chaos and calamity.")

6. None of this is discussed in the proposed DEIS. The inadequacy of the two-lane highway serving West Maui will result in calamity if a disaster strikes the area. Olowalu Town, if permitted, will exacerbate an already untenable public safety situation.

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Mark G. Hyde