



Hokua Place EISPN Comments

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Aloha,

I have lived in Moloaa for 24 years. I had an emergency situation and was got caught in bumper to bumper crawl traffic on the way to the emergency room. The stress of trying to get me to the hospital almost gave my husband a heart attack. This is not quality of life, it's dangerous.

Please stop the growth until the traffic problem is addressed.

In gratitude,
DJ Star



Hokua Place, Section 343-5e HRS Preparation Notice, Environmental Impact Statement.

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Comments on the EISPN re Up-zoning:

Agriculture to Urban – Hokua Place Subdivision, 800 houses

News of the proposed re-zoning application has spread across Kaua'i rapidly, causing widespread concern and a strong negative reaction. People are wondering whether the concept of agricultural land is now being abandoned in favor of profit for developers. Although there may be a few who will benefit financially, the resounding response of the residents of the island is: NO. WE DO NOT WANT THIS DEVELOPMENT. We feel that it will bring our traffic to a standstill, endanger our children as they travel to and from school, place an immense burden on an inadequate infrastructure, damage our economy, and irrevocably damage our quality of life. We appeal to the Land Use Commission to refuse the application to change the zoning of 97 acres of land adjacent to the Kapa'a Middle School from Agricultural to Urban Residential.

We are particularly concerned about the following issues:

- The project would result in severe road congestion that would have an enormous impact on the lives of residents, who are already finding it increasingly difficult to travel between the North Shore and Lihue, as well as on tourism. The inevitable long traffic delays would make Kaua'i very much less attractive to tourists, who would find it very difficult to move around the island. Existing traffic studies are inadequate and out of date due to the growing pressure on the road system. Most significantly, the plans for road widening dating back to 1997 have not been implemented.
- The risks to the students at Kapa'a Middle School are unacceptably high. Not only is there already a problem for parents in dropping off and picking up students, but there is a risk for students safety, with students walking or riding bikes along Olohena Road or crossing it to get to the school. Moreover, the middle school is already at capacity, and a large additional influx of students could easily undermine the quality of education or leave some children without education.
- The infrastructure required to support the proposed development is inadequate. We do not have the landfill capacity to handle large amounts of construction waste and personal waste from the projected new homes. Drainage is inadequate to handle the run off from the projected hard surface areas. There is a real question as to whether the Lydgate Sewage Treatment plant could adequately handle the human waste from an additional nearly 800 residential units and associated developments. There is a question about the availability of water for the proposed residences.

In summary, this project will bring profit to developers but will severely damage the economy and

quality of life of the island of Kaua'i. It will significantly weaken the concept of agricultural land, which has been fundamental to the historical development of the island. For all these reasons, the community strongly opposes it.

Sincerely,
Carrie Brennan

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Proposed Rezoning Application

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In Concern,

Cheeah Fairroh



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1 Attachment



Welti Comment to Hokua EISPN.doc

Please find our comment letter attached. Let me know if you have any problems opening the document.

Thank you,
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Hawaii State Land Use Commission

RE: Hokua Project Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing concerning the proposed Hokua development in Kapaa. While we appreciate the value of economic development, we are seriously concerned about the traffic impacts.

We recently moved back to the island after living in Seattle for the last 12 years. During that time we have come over at least once a year, and it was easy to notice as the traffic situation got steadily worse to the point of significantly impacting the quality of life here in Kapaa. The mid-day slowdown has gradually grown to extend through the whole town. The impact isn't only on the drivers – your experience as a pedestrian is worse when every time you want to cross the street there is a solid line of cars. Contra-flow was an innovative addition to really change the morning traffic. Likewise the traffic circle was a welcome help. Until last year you could count on the bypass as a way to get to Lihue with little slowdown. Now there are times when things come to a complete halt and there aren't alternatives.

For example, last Wednesday we were down in Wailua and came up the highway to go to the farmer's market at 4 pm. Traffic was so backed up we parked on Kukui street near Hoku Foods and walked. Cars were at a standstill in all directions, with cars trying to get to the field for the market, cars trying to get out of the field, cars and buses trying to come down from the Middle School, and the roundabout was seemingly frozen up. Fortunately by walking we were able to get through and realized we needed to stay down in town for another hour until things cleared up. Then on Friday afternoon we hit another major jam. We left for Lihue from the recycling center at 4:20, planning to go by the Humane Society before going to a play in Puhi. We got on the bypass road and had only gone about a half mile before coming to traffic completely stopped. We gave up on the Humane Society, turned around and waited in Kapaa until 5:50, at which time we felt we needed to leave to make the play at 7 pm. Traffic inched along, often coming to a complete stop until we were past Kuamoo Road.

The situation is no good for residents and visitors alike. Adding more cars without improving traffic flow is really a ridiculous idea.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Cynthia Welti
Kapaa Residents