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Subject: Against Olowalu development
Date: 11/17/2015 11:45 AM

Aloha to the State Land Use Commission Panel,

11/17/15

My husband and I, and dozens of our friends and neighbors who live on the West side of Maui, are strongly opposed to this 1700 proposed home project at Olowalu. There are so many reasons why this development would hurt Maui, that it makes my head spin. I will focus on just two.

The Olowalu reef is adjacent and very close to this proposed project. It is a very large reef system and it, along with all other reefs around the islands, are struggling to stay alive. They are barely hanging on. This is common knowledge. We have seen the coral bleaching first hand because we are avid boaters and snorkelers. Would the development of these homes help our reefs? It's so obvious that just the runoff, dirt and debris from such a large project would cause even more damage to our delicate reefs and very possibly destroy them. This fact alone is enough reason to put a stop to this development.

I strongly urge everyone to take a boat, like the catamarans that leave Kaanapali every day, out to this reef and snorkel there, to see for yourself what is at stake. It is the only way to really understand what they are willing to destroy by going forward with this project.

Another damaging by-product of this project, would be the added 3000 to 4000 more vehicles on the westside Maui road system. There are already too many cars and frequent gridlock situations taking place, and a lot of unhappy visitors and residents alike are stuck in this traffic all too often. There will never be a bypass road over the PALI ! The infrastructure of West Maui simply cannot absorb the impact this huge development would inflict on our community.

Please consider this: Tourism is a very valuable revenue for Maui. Why is Maui such a popular tourist destination right now? A very large part is because of the climate, and the ocean water activities, which include snorkeling and diving.

Large developmental projects like this will HURT us in many ways. It would be a sad day indeed when scores of visitors stop coming to Maui, because then our economy will indeed suffer. Tourist will be spreading these words: " Maui used to be so nice and so beautiful. The water was clean and the snorkeling was pretty good in places. Now the coral is dead or dying! Where are all the colorful tropical fish? And there is so much traffic and gridlock now, especially on the West side. Maui is Pau, like so many other islands. It's so sad. Why did they allow all that development to get out of control? We're not going back."

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Maui could be a worldwide leader of tropical islands by setting the example of making sure that the health of our Environment, our ocean and our land, is placed ABOVE all other special interest? The headline would say: **Maui: A Paradise that Saved Itself.** It is not too late to begin going down a better path, a moral path, towards our future.... ***The correct path.... A path of sustainability.***

Maui NO KA OI !! Maui is the best! We want to be able to say that for years to come and we want it to be **TRUE!**

Sincerely,

Suzanne and Mark Albers Lahaina, Maui

From: [Kaley Rehm](#)
Reply To: [Kaley Rehm](#)
To: luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Subject: Fw: #SaveOlowalu Action Alert: Submit Testimony to the LUC
Date: 11/17/2015 01:10 PM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

I Kaley Lei Rehm live in Australia, but lived in Pukalani since 2006 till 2012 and oppose the proposed Olowalu town development because the Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and fails to address the community's concerns about the preservation of Native Hawaiian cultural practices, traffic, fires, tsunamis and the degradation of vital terrestrial and marine habitat, just to name a few.

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Subject: Impact from olowalu town development
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Subject: OPOSED - A10-786 Olowalu - Testimony of the Final-EIS, Reject the EIS
Date: 11/17/2015 02:10 PM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

I live in Kahana and oppose the proposed Olowalu town development because the Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and fails to address the community's concerns.

Traffic is already bad going from Lahaina to the other side and this would make it significantly worse. There's no plan to mitigate the increased traffic. This will make driving to points north of Olowalu even more difficult... affecting those of us that live here, tourists (particularly those trying to get to the airport), and hospitality workers. This is a significant problem that affects a great many people, including the tourists that drive the economy.

There's already a significant coral bleaching event happening that's threatening our coral and the ecosystems it supports. This development would seriously impact the biggest coral system we have and further endanger it. Aside from our ecological responsibilities, diving and snorkeling are important tourist activities. It is also one of the reasons Conde Naste voted Maui the best island in the world. The more we damage our reefs, the greater risk we have of diminishing Maui as a top travel destination.

There seems to be limited benefit from this development, as they've gone back on their commitment of affordable housing, so it's not something that makes sense to do. Given the impact on existing residents on the West Side, the Economic consequences, the Ecological damage, and lack of benefits... this needs to be rejected.

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Mahalo for your time,
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Jill LaBram, concerned citizen

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To: luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Subject: OPPOSED - A10-786 Olowalu Town - Testimony of the Final-EIS, Reject the EIS
Date: 11/17/2015 02:39 PM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

My name is Bart Patitucci and live in Haiku and Olowalu is one of my favorite surf and snorkel spots on the island. West Maui Mountains are so beautiful from the water because you can see the rugged details due to their proximity to the ocean. This fall, because of the relatively wet summer, the mountains were so lush and green when usually they are brown. I was surfing and as I watched the sun begin to rise over West Maui Mountains, I saw two Nenes flying in the distance. I will never forget that memory, because the feeling of beauty and awe was so wonderful and powerful. Olowalu should stay undeveloped to preserve the nature and incredible beauty that encompasses it.

I also oppose the proposed Olowalu town development because the Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and fails to address the community's concerns about the preservation of Native Hawaiian cultural practices, traffic, fires, tsunamis and the degradation of vital terrestrial and marine habitat, just to name a few.

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Attachments: [olowalu reject EIS.docx](#)

Letter is attached as well.

Tuesday, November 17th, 2015

Subject: OPPOSED - A10-786 Olowalu Town - Testimony of the Final-EIS,

Please Reject the EIS

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission

As a concerned part-time resident of Kihei, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed Olowalu town development. But mostly, I am writing as a grandmother who is concerned that her children's, children's children will not see a better Olowalu.

As an avid snorkeler and underwater photographer who has spent a great deal of time on the reefs of Olowalu over the past 20 years, I have seen first hand the effects of poor management. The reefs are dying. They are especially stressed by warmer waters (heavy bleaching) nutrient run-off, overfishing, garbage and sunscreen. The 700 year old Kapuna that survive this year's bleaching event will be needed more than ever to seed the reefs of Olowalu and beyond. Healthier reefs mean more fish for fishers as well as snorkelers and divers – and a better habitat for the severely endangered monk seal to hopefully survive and eventually thrive in. Healthier reefs will also provide some protection against tsunamis – a threat that we all know to be very real.

And what about other endangered species? Sea turtles, Nene, native plants? Seabirds? They cannot speak for themselves. They are barely surviving as it is.

Development can only make a bad situation worse. Especially since the development proposed seems to have grown since the last request for input. There appears to be less emphasis on affordable housing and it would seem there is an addition of 3000 -3500 square feet of commercial space (for shopping? Other businesses? How will these affect the number of visitors to the area (again more traffic, more fire risks, more potential medical emergencies and more utilization of precious natural resources).

Which also brings me to the question of sewage treatment. The report needs to address this far more clearly and ensure that none of the sewage byproduct enters the fragile ecosystem – heavy nutrients, prescription medications . . . so much of our waste can simply not be filtered out and eventually makes its way to the ocean.

Clearly, I feel strongly that this development should be rejected in its entirety. Not many visitors or part-time residents will be able to express their concerns. I am someone who lives here for five months every year. I volunteer for a number of organizations on Maui, and in that capacity I converse with many people who make their home here for three to six months every year. Most are not happy with the way Maui is developing. They speak of the loss of coral habitat, fish, the inability to find recreational parking, traffic problems. Many, who live in the Kihei area, like I do, simply avoid going to Lahaina as much as possible. The thought of at least 4000 more people visiting and living in Olowalu will likely encourage more people to stay south in order to avoid the already intolerable traffic and potentially overly crowded beaches.

Please, please do not turn Olowalu into another Wailea. Leave it be. Work on protecting it, not threatening it further – or at the very least hold additional community meetings and work toward a much more equitable plan for both humans and non-humans alike.

Sincerely

Karolle Wall

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Mahalo for your time,

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From: [Riley Bond](#)
To: luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Subject: Oppose to the Proposed Olowalu Town Development
Date: 11/17/2015 11:59 AM

I, Riley Bond, live in Lahaina, Maui and oppose the proposed Olowalu town development because the Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and fails to address the community's concerns about the preservation of Native Hawaiian cultural practices, traffic, fires, tsunamis and the degradation of vital terrestrial and marine habitat, just to name a few.

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From: [Dawn Hudson](mailto:luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov)
To: luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Subject: Please protect our precious ecosystem!
Date: 11/17/2015 01:04 PM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

I, Dawn Hudson, live in Paia, and oppose the proposed Olowalu town development because the Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and fails to address the community's concerns about the preservation of Native Hawaiian cultural practices, traffic, fires, tsunamis and the degradation of vital terrestrial and marine habitat, just to name a few.

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Mahalo for your time,

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Resident of Paia, Maui

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Barbara Barry](#)
Sent By: begoniabarry@gmail.com
To: luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Subject: Please reject the proposed Olowalu Development. The EIS is flawed.
Date: 11/17/2015 03:32 PM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

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To: luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Subject: Protect our Ecosystem, Don't be a Criminal
Date: 11/17/2015 01:29 PM

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Mahalo for your time,

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From: FloB2@aol.com
To: luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Subject: Subject: OPPOSED - A10-786 Olowalu Town - Testimony of the Final-EIS, Reject it
Date: 11/17/2015 03:13 PM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

My name is Florence Bahr and I live in Kihei, Maui, HI and oppose the proposed Olowalu town development because the Environmental Impact Statement is inadequate and fails to address the community's concerns about the preservation of Native Hawaiian cultural practices, traffic, fires, tsunamis and the degradation of vital terrestrial and marine habitat, just to name a few.

My most serious concern is the degradation of the reef. Builders always say they will take measures to protect the reef, but their measures fail. They try but lots of silt and other runoff always gets into the ocean and harms our reefs. Right now, our reefs are in trouble from bleaching and additional stress will be a serious consequence for Maui.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Florence Bahr

From: sylvia.frain
To: luc@dbedt.hawaii.gov
Cc: fitzformai@gmail.com
Subject: "A10-786 Olowalu Town - Testimony of the Final-EIS" We reject the Olowalu Town Development
Date: 11/17/2015 11:42 AM

Aloha Members of the Land Use Commission,

I, Sylvia Frain, live in Haiku and oppose the proposed Olowalu town development because it will be a disaster for Maui. Traffic to Lahaina is already unbearable and there are thousands of homes yet to be built in other West Maui locations, the area is in a tsunami inundation zone, there are fire threats nearly every year, and a majority of the homes will not be affordable to the average local families here on Maui. This area will likely end up becoming a ghost town of vacation homes like Laniaupoko and Wailea.

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Mahalo,
Sylvia C. Frain

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