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I am a 25 year resident of Kauai, living on Kamole Road since I purchased my home in April, 2000.

The following are some of my concerns regarding the proposal of Kealia Mauka Homesites.

1. The proposed 53 acres to be divided into 235 house lots would be targeted for , but not restricted to, Kauai residents. These parcels could be purchased by anyone, from anywhere. This opens the door to another 1000-1500 people moving to Kauai, thereby stretching our resources even greater than they are stretched presently.
2. It is stated that this project is consistent with typical densities in the islands existing single-family residential communities. Are there any other 53 acres of gorgeous fertile agricultural land on Kauai that presently has 235 lots, ranging from 5600-7300 sf in size, each with a house and probable carport or garage and shed? If so, where is it located? What does it look like?
3. Why choose high rated "B" fertile agricultural land and build a very compact housing project?
4. The proposed housing project is planned to be accessed from Kealia Road. Presently attempting to access Kuhio Highway from Kealia Road is a real challenge. There is the North-South traffic on Kuhio Highway. There is the entrance to and exit from Kealia beach. There are turn lanes for Kealia beach and Kealia Road. There is a pedestrian crosswalk. There is already a high volume of traffic in this 40 mph area. With 235 houses planned, a conservative number of 500 additional cars would be expected to be using this intersection. If this project is granted then access to the subdivision should be considered to be located north of the project, across from Kealia Kai's entrance from Kuhio Highway.
5. The building of 235 houses and other structures would produce a significant amount of noise. It could be even worse if it's over 8 years.
6. An additional 1000-1200 people - adults and children- and their pets will naturally produce noise.
7. An additional 500 or more cars/trucks will add more traffic, more noise.
8. The visual impact will be devastating.
9. Under Section 7. Significant Criteria, this project does impact ( although not deemed significant) 1,2,4,6,7,8,and 12.

I am grateful that an Environmental Impact Study has been determined necessary.

Aloha  
  
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Attn: Mr. Daniel Orodener

Mr. Orodener:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter for review of an Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice for the Kealia Mauka Homesites, Kawaihau District, Island of Kauai.

Unfortunately, the Water Resources Research Center does not have the capacity to review the EISPN at this time due to the faculty position vacancy.

While we continue to explore filling the current vacancy, the Center will exclude itself from commentary on this specific environmental assessment study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren T. Lerner'.

Darren T. Lerner, PhD  
Interim Director