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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2020 7:17 PM
To: DBEDT LUC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Deny FEA & Require EIS with Assurances

Aloha Land Use Commission Members,

I am writing on behalf of Keep Your Power, a coalition of concerned Hawaii residents who oppose the proliferation of harmful technology and advocate for safe technology.

We are very concerned about the land use change proposed by Pulama Lanai. The 200 acre Industrial Park would be adjacent to two structures built in 2019 in violation of our land use requirements, a 16,500 sq.ft. drone hangar and a massive airstrip to act as a runway for giant football field sized 5G drones. More info here:
www.KeepYourPower.org/drone

These illegal structures still stand on agricultural land and are part of a unmanned drone project that was halted due to public outcry and a lawsuit, but that officials have publicly stated will continue <https://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2020/08/large-drone-test-flight-successful-lanai-activities-still-being-planned/>. The stated goal of the program is to turn Lanai into a giant drone manufacturing plant and launchpad to fly the giant drones throughout the equatorial belt.

There is every reason to believe the drone project will make use of the adjacent industrial areas and that would involve significant environmental impacts that are not addressed in the EA.

Allowing 200 acres of industrialized land would likely make little Lanai, percentage wise, the most industrialized of all the islands.

Please deny the FEA and require a full EIS and please build in specific assurances that none of the adjacent lands would be used in connection with the giant drone project.

We have also learned that there are water issues. Lana`i Resorts says that changing to the urban district will only get to 50 percent of the sustainable yield of the aquifers by combining both the leeward and windward aquifers. 90 percent would trigger designation as a water management area, but the maps show that only one small well would be in the windward aquifer, with the rest in the leeward aquifer.

This means most of the pumping is actually happening in already highly taxed leeward aquifer. This gets close to 90 percent of sustainable yield. Depleting 90 percent of an aquifer's sustainable yield is a very significant environmental impact triggering a full blown EIS.

The only way Lana`i Resorts would be able to get a well developed in the windward aquifer would be to install roads, other infrastructure, on high altitude terrain. That would be environmentally invasive.

Again, a full blow EIS is warranted.

Thank you for your service to the state and its people.

Sincerely,

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