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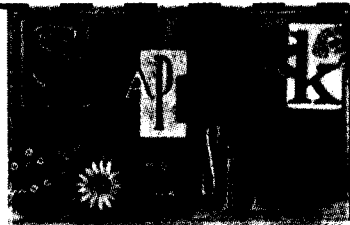


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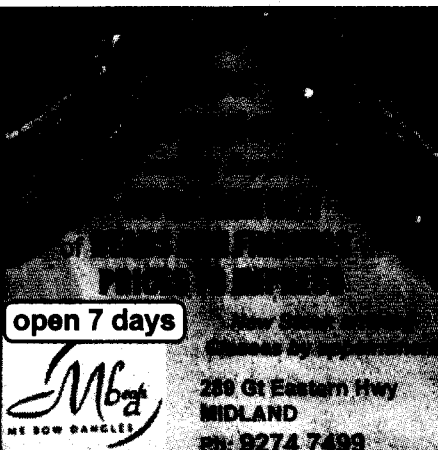
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*Letters continued ...*

Dear Editor,

I have recently returned from Venezuela. People take their politics seriously over there! And why? Because unlike here the council does what the people want. Each year they have "planification" forums. A sort of strategic planning day which anyone can attend. These set the priorities and the agenda which the elected officials then manage and administer for the following year. Our so called democratic system based on a colonial model is no longer serving the needs of the people and in fact leave most of us without a voice at all. It's time to let the people be heard.

DR COLIN HUGHES  
 GLEN FORREST

Dear Editor:

Hills lifestyle..

It's sitting on your deck, drinking a cold beer after a hard day's work.

It's listening to the birds among the native bush.

It's toiling on the land and enjoying the benefits of your labour.

It's making a 'cubby' or climbing a tree.

It's watching the seasons change.

It's breathing the fresh 'Hills air'.

It's being part of a like minded community, sharing in our environmental space, yet far enough away to have our privacy.

It is enjoying a lifestyle amongst nature whilst trying to make as little impact as possible.

We all know why we moved up here, don't let them take these reasons away from us.

ALAN JENNINGS  
 GIDGEGANNUP

The Editor:

What attracted us were the undulating hills, the sparsely populated countryside, well defined villages and mostly the Australian Bush. I could go on but enough said.

GERARD VAN DIDDEN

Dear Ed

There is a very good definition of the Hills Lifestyle that comes from the North Eastern Hills Settlement Plan (Government Publication):

The most important factors that continue to attract people to the Hills are:

- High Quality Rural Living
- Relaxed and peaceful living
- United and safe community

Sense of privacy and autonomy simultaneous with proximity to Perth (Sic).

I feel that this "Lifestyle" is so rare and undervalued that there is little concern when dramatic change is suggested. Whilst the projected numbers in the report (suggest growth from a current 13,106 to 26,658 in 2026), may seem a long way off, we will find that a 50% increase in our population within ten years will have a dramatic influence on lifestyles and this must be cherished as there is no going back.

STEVE SHAW  
 STONEVILLE

Dear Sir:

I did not move up into the hills to get away from suburbia for it to follow me in the form of the new developments. I am totally against any development of land smaller than 1/2 acre lots.

ADRIAN BATEMAN.

Dear Editor,

Hills lifestyle means the ability to look out of your window and see the wind blowing through the trees.

Mr. Beaton's comment about the smaller block sizes being more suitable for older people doesn't make sense to me for several reasons. Firstly, if 70-80% of the subdivisions are going to be under 800 sq metre block sizes that amount cannot possibly be filled with "older people".

Secondly, a large amount of these smaller blocks are nowhere near the "town centre" of these subdivisions which means that older people without cars will be very isolated as Transperth has stated that these subdivisions will not be big enough to make a bus service viable.

Thirdly, if these subdivisions really do increase the amount of older people living in the area then the present lack of health services will further stretched. The concern about health services in the area is also shared by the AMA.

KRIS SCHMIDTKE  
 STONEVILLE

Dear Editor,

I do think that most share an underlying common vision of pristine bush and space to pursue our leisure activities, hobby farming, bush walking, horse riding, mountain biking, or just enjoying a small block set in a tranquil rural village environment.

Most of us in the Hills are extremely conscious of our natural environment and would wish to preserve it but the much espoused sustainability principles are actually about balancing environmental needs with community and business needs - the key word being "balance".

What should be a rational debate is actually not aided by the environmental extremists who oppose any development at any cost and who would gladly lock up our bush and throw away the key, I would suggest they do not represent the mainstream Hills dweller but are a very vocal and destructive minority.

What seems reasonably clear to me is that you cannot actually have both low density developments together with high levels of community services. So every demand for sporting or other community facilities is actually a nail in the coffin of the traditional Hills lifestyle.

This issue is fundamental to us all in the Hills and we do need to carefully consider our views if we are to provide the hills lifestyle for our children or grand children.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED

Dear Editor

The proposed development cannot possibly