

Submission on Development Application A001945696, 589 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Seventeen Mile Rocks. Lot 1 on RP811573

A Development Application has been made by Kenmore Baptist Church C/- Urban Strategies Pty Ltd for a Development Permit for a Material Change of Use – Carry Out Building Work – Preliminary Approval Under s3.1.5

Submit a written and signed submission either by mail, fax or in person before 5.00 pm Wednesday, 23 July 2008.

To: The Chief Executive Officer, Brisbane City Council, GPO Box 1434, Brisbane, Qld 4001

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NAME AND ADDRESS of submitter:

Objections to Development Proposals and reasons for these objections:

1. In November 2006 the Kenmore Baptist Church (KBC) had their site (at the roundabout at 17 Mile Rocks Road and Jennifer St) almost completely cleared of vegetation other than a few trees and the Waterway Corridor. The cleared vegetation was classified by BCC as **Valued Urban Vegetation** and as such was **protected**. The current KBC proposals make no effort to repair the damage done in the clearing despite being asked to by BCC in their letter of 9 January 2008.
2. In the KBC proposal there is no vegetation retention plan identifying which trees will remain. Some of the remaining trees will be cleared for parking and buildings. All remaining trees should be retained as the remnants of the Valued Urban Vegetation that was on site before the clearing.
3. Earthworks that KBC had instigated, created a high bank along the northern edge of the Waterway Corridor. This causes shading, probable wash off of sediment into the creek, limits wildlife access to the riparian habitat and the water and generally jeopardises the sustainability of the Waterway Corridor.
4. Some parking and the chapel encroach on the Waterway Corridor.
5. Other KBC earthworks along 17 Mile Rocks Road have buried the bases of about 16 trees. This earth has not been satisfactorily removed from the bases despite numerous requests. There are no plans for this in the current proposal.
6. There is evidence of kangaroos / wallabies on site, birds, plus the probability of squirrel gliders which are known to occur in the adjoining parklands. There would be other wildlife as well. The KBC proposal has no management plan for wildlife during construction. There is also the problem of more displaced macropods. There is already a problem of macropods which have been displaced from Edenbrooke and Veranda housing estates in recent years.
7. The KBC does not have a clear proposal for water-harvesting or watering proposed new vegetation on site. This is vital for sustainability.
8. There is a large area of hard surfaces such as roofs and parking areas which will cause increased run-off into the creek during storm events.
9. The KBC proposals were drawn up after the site clearing and do not reflect or acknowledge the ecological values of the site before the 2006 clearing.

Other comments

It is submitted that Brisbane City Council should reject the proposal in its present form as it is not considered acceptable for the reasons set out above.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____