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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS IN NSW

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Manyana development infrastructure is not up to speed.

The road to Manyana is in a constant state of disrepair. At the time of writing significant work is being undertaken to remedy the road. This happens every few years, it seems, as the traffic load is already at maximum peak. Add in holiday times, where the traffic increases by some 50% again.

The Manyana development will add some many thousands of movements a day and will only make matters of road maintainance worse – not including the hundreds of heavy vehicles a day during construction years.

Road safety would be greatly compromised to the point of needless death by accident. The number of serious accidents along that stretch are on record. It would only be a matter of time.

For the Manyana developments to proceed: the one road in and out of Manyana and Bendalong would need to be upgraded with fresh foundations and a widening. Power poles would need to be put underground or the poles moved. Not sure who pays for this. Assuming it is a mix of state and local council money, does this mean public tax dollars are de-facto subsidising a non-local developer's profits with a multi-million dollar underpin?

Developments of this size and scope would be better suited in locations where the infrastructure is already in existence, such as closer to the main towns of Milton, and so forth. Developer's contributions to infrastructure would be in a more realistice realm, and new power lines and so forth can be laid in the ground from the start.