INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPRIETY AGAINST AGENTS OF THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL AND PROPERTY DEVELOPERS IN THE REGION

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To Portfolio Committee No.7- Planning and Environment. I have read today in the "Hills to Hawkesbury Community News" that there is a parliamentary inquiry calling for submissions from members of the community regarding impropriety during property development application processes by the Hills Council. My wife and I have experienced many issues during the residential development and construction process by Nassif Civil next to our home. The size and scale of the new home and manner in which it has affected our light and aesthetics has significantly impacted our property. We felt the council was enabling the developer to permit this to proceed.

Additionally, in 2022, we discovered through the planning alerts website, that a complying development application had been approved on the same property and we wondered how this could be given there was little land left for development. We queried this through council and the approval was then rescinded.

Overall, we felt that there were privileges afforded to the development of this property during the development application, demolition and construction processes