

Planning and Environment Act 1987

MILDURA PLANNING SCHEME- LOCAL PROVISION

AMENDMENT C117 mild

We, Bruno Prevedello and Nancy Prevedello, object to this proposed amendment.

We would point out that the information contained in the first paragraph under the heading **“Why is the amendment required?”**- is not factually correct. The first paragraph states;

“ The land owned by Lower Murray water was originally included in the PUZ1 in order to reflect its public ownership. Since 1998 the land has been leased privately to the adjoining landowners who have used it for agricultural purposes. The land is presently used for grazing stock. Following its rezoning the land will be developed for horticultural purposes in association with the adjoining land.”

The land had in fact been leased during the 1980's and onwards by Olive/ Geoff Sharman who lived in Nichol's Point.

As part of the proposed “Deakin Project”, Lake Sharman was to be built at that site as a relift facility to expand the FMIT irrigation district westward. All of this was well before the year 2000. This project did not proceed, but Geoff Sharman continued to hold the lease until 2017/18. The area FZ was an irrigation overflow area until the Benetook Pipeline system was finished in 1983/84.

During the heavy rainfall year of 2010/11, it was subjected to severe flooding after water overflowed from the drainage system off Oak Ave Koorlong. A levee had to be erected to stop flood waters inundating sections of Peter/ Vince Dimasi's fruit block. The centre of this area can best be described as low lying clay pan that had been flooded in 1974 and quite often in the past.

Our real complaint comes under the section headed, **“How does the amendment implement the objectives of planning in Victoria?”**

Section 4(1)(a) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, specifically paragraph (a) and (g) are quoted as having relevance to this amendment.

- (a) To provide for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of the land;
- (g) To balance the present and future interests of all Victorians.

We would make the case that the word “fair”, in paragraph (a) along with the words, “to balance the present and future interests of all Victorians”, in paragraph (g) would not apply to the current Irrigators and Stock and

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Domestic water users on Box Ave or Maple Ave, Koorlong, should this proposed amendment go ahead.

The current irrigation infrastructure is already at full capacity during peak irrigation season. Some residents on Stock and Domestic meters have already had to truck in water when tanks have run dry. Irrigators can just manage at the moment if they are very mindful of their scheduling. If the irrigation demand is expanded to include the area under this proposed amendment, we fail to see how anyone can work within the limitations of the current infrastructure.

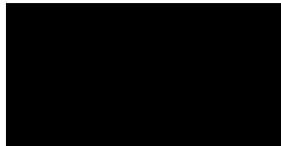
Some of the residents on Box Ave and Maple Ave, that we have spoken too, are very surprised that they were not made aware of this proposed amendment, in light of their complaints over the years to Lower Murray Water and before them to FMIT.

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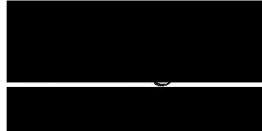
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