
Anger over meeting

A motion for the Munding Shire to “communicate” to Planning and Infrastructure Minister, Alannah MacTiernan, the concerns of residents about the Hills was lost on Tuesday night.

A crowd of more than 100 people attended the Development Approvals Committee meeting as councillor Sharon Davies proposed four items on behalf of the Stoneville Progress Association and concerned residents.

These included legislation to protect the Hills from Muchea to Serpentine, from urbanisation and advising the Minister of the high level of community opposition to proposed developments in Stoneville and Parkerville.

It was also proposed that

10 per cent of lot sizes in the two developments were not less than 4000 m², and implementing a three year clause so developers must re-apply if construction had not begun before this time.

But the council voted against the motion as the intention to “communicate” the concerns to the Minister may be interpreted as endorsing the items, which could leave them open to legal action.

There was also concern over the lack of evidence supporting the high level of people that were against the developments.

The council did, however, want more details on protection for the Hills and although they could not support the motion in its

current form, councillors were prepared to consider an altered motion at a future meeting.

Stoneville Progress Association Chairman, Mike Davies, said the result angered and united all those present and promoted the cause in a way he had not imagined.

“The council considers that there is little support in the community for our viewpoint,” Mr Davies said.

“If that is the case where was the support last night for the opposite viewpoint i.e. pro development?”

“The council makes planning decisions about sheds based only on the local level of concern. Why, therefore, has the obvious concern of so many been disregarded?”
