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SUBMISSION OPPOSING DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION, DA 271/2011(1) – 67 & 69 William Maker Drive, Orange.

Mr G. Styles
General Manager
Orange City Council

Dear Mr Styles

ECCO Orange opposes the proposed 123 lot residential subdivision, in its current form with respect to the number of lots, the impact on the endangered ecological community (EEC), (White box / Yellow Box / Blakely's Red Gum woodland), the impact on threatened fauna species (in particular, the Superb Parrot), and the isolation of the proposed Public Reserve from nearby woodland to the South West and West, and the riparian corridor to the East.

ECCO is of the opinion that the loss of two thirds of the remnant native woodland trees (ie 120 of the 180 trees) will have a significant impact on native fauna, and will further reduce the potential habitat for the Superb Parrot which is increasing in numbers in native bushland in the Orange area.

The Preliminary Flora and Fauna Assessment failed to identify hollow bearing trees in its assessment of the 180 remnant native trees of the EEC, which is of great significance to the current and potential future habitat of native fauna (in particular, the Superb Parrot). Although the Assessment acknowledges the recorded sightings of Superb Parrots 1.1 km and 1.4 km to the South, it is not surprising that the field survey carried out on the 26 and 30 May 2011 did not record sightings of Superb Parrots as it would be highly unlikely for their presence to be identified at this time of the year.

ECCO is of the opinion that proposed lots 238, 239, 240 and 241 adjoining the western boundary of the Public Reserve significantly impinge on the integrity of the Reserve, and should be deleted and the lots added to the Reserve. Furthermore, it is recommended that the number of lots opposite the Reserve on the Western side, should be reduced in order to retain more remnant native trees and to provide a Public Reserve corridor to woodland to the South West and West of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely

Neil Jones,
President.

8 November, 2011