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**The General Manager  
Nambucca Shire Council  
PO Box 177  
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Dear Sir,

**RE: *SAVE GORDON PARK GROUP, NAMBUCCA HEADS***

I act for the *Save Gordon Park Group* of Nambucca Heads (“the Group”), the members of which have instructed me to write to you to express their concerns regarding a proposal to erect a skateboard facility at Gordon Park in Nambucca Heads.

I am also writing in my own capacity as a member of the Group and as a significant ratepayer and supporter of tourism in the Nambucca Shire. My wife and I own properties in our own name in Wellington Drive, Nambucca Heads, as well as a further property in Mann Street, Nambucca Heads, through our service company.

I have been briefed regarding the proposal, which I understand is currently under consideration by Council. I am also instructed that a skateboarding competition took place in the vicinity of the *Vee Wall* at Nambucca Heads on or about Saturday, 21 April 2007, following which increased vandalism occurred in the immediate area.

I have been provided with copies of a number of photographs taken of graffiti that appeared on the walls of the toilet block in Gordon Park and the nearby *Fishbites* seafood restaurant immediately following the skateboarding event. I note that the incident was reported to the Police and I enclose copies of the photographs for your information.

Since my wife and I completed the purchase of our Wellington Drive properties some seven years ago, I have had cause to write to the authorities on a number of occasions regarding unruly and criminal behaviour in the environs of Gordon Park. Through the cooperation and efforts of the Police and the current management of the *Vee Wall Tavern*, we have seen a recent improvement in the situation, which has been most welcome.

It is of great concern, therefore, that I have learnt of the current proposal to erect a skateboarding facility in Gordon Park. The area itself is adjacent to a number of residences and it has already developed an unenviable reputation for attracting groups of youths, who congregate in the park after hours; consume alcohol and commit acts of wanton vandalism.



The noise emanating from the park in the early hours of certain mornings can be clearly heard at our Wellington Drive premises, often drawing complaints and adverse comments from our guests.

Gordon Park itself already provides a number of sporting and other facilities, including the tennis courts; nature walk; reserve and barbeque area. The addition of a skateboarding facility would simply add to the clutter of the park and make the existing facilities less attractive to those who currently enjoy the facilities available. These are invariably family groups and tourists – the very lifeblood of the region.

The proposal, therefore, represents a significant threat to the viability of Gordon Park and Wellington Drive as a tourist precinct. This, of course, completely contradicts the proposals contained in the new LEP, in which the area is earmarked as a focal point for tourism. Council would be well advised to carefully consider its potential liability if it makes a decision that proves to be imprudent.

I would ask that you provide me with an update on Council's position regarding the proposal as a matter of urgency, so that I may report to my clients, the *Save Gordon Park Group*. It is clear to me that the matter has raised considerable angst amongst the local community and I need to be able to advise the members of what further legal steps they may take in their opposition to the proposal.

I take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours faithfully,

*Terry Boyle*

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