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Re: “Affordable Housing Development” at 4A, 6 & 8 Hansford Road Coombabah.

You may have heard about a proposed 134 unit three-story affordable housing development on Hansford Road. Many of your neighbours have approached me concerned about the impact this may have on the local area, especially considering the site is only zoned for 60 units that are a maximum of two stories.

I am keen to hear the community’s view of this project. I am holding a public meeting at 2.00 pm Sunday 16th August at the Hammond Village Recreational Hall on Hansford Road. I encourage you to attend.

I realise that approval of the site is a Council not a Federal issue, however the project is being developed as part of the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS), a Rudd Government initiative. The application for this development to receive NRAS funding is pending approval by the Minister for Housing, currently set down for mid August. Any NRAS application is not open for public comment and can be approved prior to local Council approval. I feel this process does not do the community justice.

I’ve organised a petition calling on the House of Representatives to address these inadequacies of the Rudd Government’s NRAS legislation. Copies of this petition can be downloaded from my website at www.robert.com.au/battleground for family and friends to fill in and return to me. A copy of the petition has been included with this letter. The petition can be photocopied, however all signatures returned to me must be original and on the supplied form.

I look forward to working with you to help preserve Coombabah’s unique character.

Yours sincerely

STUART ROBERT MP

Federal Member for Fadden

