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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Comments on the Section 16 Application No. A/YL-NSW/205

The Conservancy Association (CA) OBJECTS to Section 16 Application A/YL-NSW/205.

During a site visit on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010, CA noticed that various fish ponds were already filled up to raised ground levels. While the ecological and hydrological function of these fish ponds might be already destroyed, such application, if approved, would definitely result in a disastrous precedent of condoning the act of “destroy first, develop later”.

According to Town Planning Board Guideline No. 12B, the application site falls within Wetland Buffer Area (WBA). The current application to zone the site as “Village Type Development” would in some extent supersede the intention of WBA to “*protect the ecological integrity of the fish ponds and wetland within the Wetland Conservation Area and prevent development that would have a negative off-site disturbance impact on the ecological impact on the ecological value of fish ponds*”. CA demands a more stringent planning control be enforced on this site to reflect the planning intention of conservation purpose, thus protecting the area from adverse impacts of development.

Yours faithfully

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Campaign Officer