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Subject: response to Cr Campbell's letter

Re: Pat Campell in BDN June 17. 2011. 21.06.2011

From: Suzanne Foulkes

I must respond to the rather malicious tirade from Councillor Pat Campbell (BDN 17.6.11). It is a democratic right for members of the community to attend council meetings and to disagree with council decisions. The level of frustration in our community regarding these decisions has reached a critical point. There is a broad perception that council make major decisions without proper community consultation, and many of these decisions are detrimental and far reaching. They will outlive this council and be borne by the community.

Some examples. The Woolworths development. The Wanatta Lane tip proposal, the sewerage implimentation, the Rate rises, the MacDonalDs proposal and recently the Town Hall demolition proposal. The one that has upset Cr. Campbell is the wood pellet plant at the Eden Chipmill. The repercussions from the council's approval for this pilot plant will be great. Proper consideration had not been given, proper process not followed, and proper consultation had not taken place. This will have a huge impact on the future of our native forests, our water catchments, our wildlife and our carbon emissions. It is unacceptable to educated people that council can support an industry that has already severely damaged our environment and belongs to the 19th century not the present. No wonder the gallery was rowdy. I do object strongly to Cr. Campbell's name calling. I am neither a "bully nor a gangster" and neither are any of my neighbours who were present. As for Cr.Cambell's statement "we do not have to tolerate them: don't tolerate them".

This is a democracy, dissent is a democratic right Cr.Campbell. Who is bullying whom? If Cr. Campbell can't stand a bit of heat (and there will be more) then perhaps he should get out of the kitchen.

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