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Joint Regional Planning Panel rejects tip proposal

After many months of uncertainty about the development application for a tip at Tomerong, the Joint Regional Planning Panel last night rejected the proposal.

Councillor Gareth Ward spoke on behalf of all of Shoalhaven City's Councillors in relation to the community attitude and staff reports backing the decision to refuse the application.

It was explained to the JRPP that the Council unanimously supports the SHUT group who have worked tirelessly to ensure the Bay and Basin area is left in its pristine and unique state.

The panel heard the Councillors agreement with the staff report which outlined the reasons this development should not go ahead.

These reasons include

- A lack of compliance with the requirements of the SEPP 33 in relation to insufficient determination of whether hazardous and offensive components of the development pose a adverse impact on the environment.
- Non-compliance with the Jervis Bay Regional Environmental Plan.
- Insufficient detail on the effect the development would have on surface and ground water
- Insufficient assessment on impact of threatened species and habitats
- Lack of employment opportunities and unwanted increased traffic movement

Shoalhaven City Mayor Clr Paul Green said "This is the right thing at the right time with the right result. I am inspired by the work of the community and the support of council expertise to get the message out that we want the natural beauty of the Shoalhaven to be protected and valued."

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