



**Bend Neighbourhood Association**

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**To: Mark Fowler**

Bega Valley Shire Council  
PO Box 492  
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**Regarding**

**DA No.: 2012.255**

**Applicant: Hydrox Nominees Pty Ltd**

**Proposal for site clearance, earthworks (including filling) and  
realignment of sewer main 52-65 Bega Street Bega.**

Bend Neighbourhood Association does not support the proposed earthworks at the Spenco site and urges Council not to approve this development application for the following reasons.

During periods of high rainfall and flood events, the Spenco lagoon overflows via a natural drainage channel across Bend land and into the anabranh system, also on Bend land. The recent floods of 2011 saw considerable erosion and damage to areas around the channel and anabranh, including large deposits of alluvium onto Bend land. Particularly of note was the velocity of water near the flood edge, which was enough to damage fencing and erode a bitumen accessway at Bend.

Another flood event like March 2011, or indeed a heavy rainfall event, has the potential to cause considerable erosion around the Hydrox development site with the result of further siltation of Spenco lagoon and downstream onto Bend land and into the anabranh. This is of major concern to residents, particularly because of the potential to contaminate land which is currently in conversion for organic certification. In addition, the further siltation of the drainage channel has the real potential to undermine the efforts both residents, and Bega River and Wetlands Landcare Group (BRAWL), have undertaken to revegetate and stabilise the channel.

Bend believes that the applicant's sediment control measures, on a site in a flood prone area adjacent a natural wetlands system, that is to receive 40 000 cubic meters of fill, are grossly inadequate. Bend is aware of a civil engineer's report prepared for BRAWL which highlights the inadequacies in sediment control measures and the need for improved sediment controls, and we support these.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Sharman

Member, Bend Neighbourhood Association Executive Committee

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