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City of Ringwood
Town Planning Department
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Dear Sir.

Objection to Planning Permit Application No 94/104
217 Oban Rd., Ringwood

Objection to Planning Permit Application No 94/112
239 Oban Rd., and Lot 5 Glenvale Rd.

All our objections are based on concerns about destruction of some of the few last remaining remnants of natural vegetation in the City of Ringwood area.

The developments as planned would result in the loss of much natural vegetation, and the fragmentation of any areas that would remain. Such fragmentation leaves non-sustainable small pockets of vegetation with the resulting reduction in the number of species and diversity within those species.

This is true for plant diversity, animal diversity and bird diversity. (The growing awareness of the importance of biodiversity is highlighted by the advertisement in the "Australian" newspaper July 1994 - see attached)

It is most important that any natural areas that are retained are linked with other "safe areas" to provide larger blocks and corridors for the movement of species (plant animal and bird).

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Retain Dry Sclerophyll Forest along Glenvale Road. If Block 100 were retained it would help create almost a continuous corridor from Kubis Drive through the Melbourne Water land, across Blocks 1.2.3.6.7.8. across 100 to the Public Open Space . This area has a few plants of Pink Heath- *Epacris impressa* - Victorias floral emblem.
2. Retain Blocks 1.2.3.6.7.8. to increase the area of Valley Sclerophyll Forest to make it more viable. The road area named "The Crest" could become another building block.
3. Alter the fenceline of Blocks 34 & 35 so that it is continous with the Public Open Space boundary.
4. Retention of as much roadside vegetation as possible, for example, by requiring Block 27 to be accessed from Barnsdale Way.
5. Fencing of any natural areas acquired by Council to protect them from stray bulldozers, builders rubble etc.
6. That Council urge developers to remove as little natural vegetation - both trees and understorey - on blocks where building will take place.

Yours sincerely,

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