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 To: General Manager  
 Lithgow City Council

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Dear Sir

Re: plans to rezone the vacant land on the corner of Sandford and Coalbrook St, Lithgow, including the current Lithgow Community Nursery.

1. I must object in the strongest terms to the effect that this rezoning will have on the Lithgow Community Nursery as it will make it impossible for them to operate at that location, let alone expand. This is a very worthwhile operation and I am at a loss to know why Council would want to do this.

The securing of this piece of land for the Nursery was a long and involved process. There was a lot of effort by many people to get it there. The nursery provides a good deal of benefit to the City. I would like an answer - why is this being done? Where would they go? Why disrupt things?

2. I think its good to have that area vacant. Its used by walkers, wildlife and kids as a play area and surely doesnt cost the council much in maintenance for the amenity it provides. I think it looks better left informal in the middle of the city, with the hills all around.

3. drainage - its pretty boggy and collects rainwater very well. The areas that technically could be built on are close to bush and therefore in danger from bushfire, and I wonder if there is a subsidence issue, as there has been in recent years with the section right on the corner of Sandford and Coalbrook.

4. The portion of land behind properties 5, 7, and 9 Coalbrook St. Does Council intend that there should be another dwelling there? Its a narrow strip right next to the creek, and would have to be accessed through the units. That sounds a bit nuts to me. I visit someone in the area and walk there often with my dog, its most impractical to try to shoehorn another dwelling in there.

5. I can forsee traffic problems on the portion of Coalbrook St from numbers 3-13. There is a double-blind bend and cars, trucks and buses roar along there as though it is a race track, often in the middle of the road rather than their own side. Visibility is very poor for those in this section exiting their property, and right turns are not recommended. Cars have to turn left smartly out of their properties, and even tho there is a mirror to help them, its no substitute for good visibility. New driveways in this section of road would make accidents almost inevitable.

Please, Please, just leave that section with the nursery and open land as it is. Put new houses somewhere else.

I have other concerns, but the deadline approaches, so this will have to do.

Yours sincerely,  
 Linda Mehrtens, 4 Hutchinson St, Lithgow