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Application Information	
Application Number	ROL/2026/37
Property Address	98 Glenmore Drive BONOGIN QLD 4213
Application Description	Reconfiguring a Lot Impact Assessment 1 into 18 Lot Subdivision - 98 Glenmore Drive, BONOGIN QLD 4213
Application Type	Reconfiguring a lot
Lodgement Date	01/04/2026
Status	In Progress - On Public Notification
Appeal rights	Submitters who lodge a properly made submission have appeal rights against Council's decision for this application. The dates in which a submission is considered properly made for this development application are published on the public notification material (property sign, letter notification and newspaper advertisement) for this application. If you require any further information about this application, you can visit Development.i and enter in the property address or application reference number.

Contact Details
Contact details are not displayed as requested.

Submitter Acknowledgements	
Time of Lodgement	04/09/2026 09:47
Submitter agrees to the terms and conditions	Accepted
Submitters contact details displayed during assessment phase?	No
Customer declaration	Accepted
Number of attachments	1
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Submission Details	
Support or Oppose or Other	Oppose
Grounds	Another bush property being denuded of its trees

FORMAL OBJECTION TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION
Glenmore Drive, Bonogan

To: Gold Coast City Council

Re: Objection to Development Application – Complete Clearing of Treed Site, Glenmore Drive, Bonogan

I wish to formally object to the proposed development at Glenmore Drive, Bonogan, particularly because it appears to involve the complete clearing of all trees and vegetation from the site.

The environmental consequences could be serious, and I believe the application requires significantly greater environmental investigation before Council makes any determination.

Significant wildlife habitat

The site is not simply vacant or cleared land. It is an established treed habitat that supports native wildlife.

The area provides koala habitat, and endangered or vulnerable bird species are understood to use the site and surrounding vegetation. Cockatoos have been observed in the area, and the red-crowned parrot is reportedly nesting there.

The nearby creek also provides habitat for platypuses.

Complete tree removal could destroy important habitat, nesting sites, feeding areas and wildlife movement routes. It could also indirectly affect the adjoining creek and wildlife dependent on it.

Complete clearing should not be accepted without proper environmental assessment

I strongly object to any proposal involving wholesale removal of existing trees without first establishing the full environmental significance of the site.

Queensland's koala protection framework recognises the importance of habitat connectivity and requires consideration of safe koala movement measures and minimisation of native vegetation clearing where relevant.

Queensland's environmental offsets framework follows an avoid, mitigate and offset approach. Environmental impacts should first be avoided and mitigated, rather than treating habitat destruction as something that can automatically be compensated for elsewhere.

Queensland's environmental framework also recognises habitat used for foraging, roosting, nesting or breeding by endangered or vulnerable wildlife as environmentally significant.

These considerations are particularly relevant given the reported presence of koalas, nesting birds and platypuses in and around the site.

Request for further investigation

I respectfully request that Council not determine the application until a comprehensive and independent environmental assessment has been undertaken.

That assessment should investigate:

1. Koala habitat and movement through the site and surrounding properties;

2. The presence, nesting and breeding activity of cockatoos and the red-crowned parrot;

3. The extent to which existing trees provide feeding, sheltering, nesting and breeding habitat;

4. The ecological relationship between the site and adjoining creek;

5. The presence and habitat requirements of platypuses in the creek;

6. The effects of clearing on water quality, creek-bank stability, runoff and sedimentation;

7. Existing and potential wildlife corridors through the site;

8. The cumulative environmental impact of removing all existing trees; and

9. Whether the development can be redesigned to retain substantial areas of existing vegetation.

Development should be substantially scaled back

I am not necessarily opposed to appropriate development of the land, but I strongly object to development requiring complete destruction of the existing treed habitat.

The proposal should be substantially redesigned to:

● Retain significant mature native trees;

● Retain areas of continuous native vegetation;

● Establish and maintain effective wildlife corridors;

● Protect habitat used by koalas and native birds;

● Protect the adjoining creek and its platypus habitat;

● Minimise disturbance to nesting and breeding areas; and

● Incorporate additional native trees and vegetation into the development.

A development designed around the site's existing environmental values would be far more appropriate than one that clears the entire site and attempts to replace lost habitat afterwards.

Request to Council

I therefore request that Gold Coast City Council:

1. Refuse the development application in its current form or, alternatively, require a substantial redesign retaining significant native vegetation and mature trees;

2. Require a comprehensive environmental assessment before determining the application;

3. Investigate the site's koala habitat value and wildlife corridor function;

4. Investigate the reported nesting of cockatoos and the red-crowned parrot;

5. Investigate the platypus population and habitat in the adjoining creek and assess potential construction and runoff impacts;

6. Require the applicant to demonstrate why complete clearing is necessary and whether a substantially reduced development footprint could achieve the development objectives while retaining habitat; and

7. Give serious consideration to the cumulative environmental impact of removing every tree from an established wildlife habitat.

Conclusion

The proposed complete clearing of this treed site represents a potentially significant and irreversible environmental impact.

Once mature native trees, nesting habitat and established wildlife corridors have been destroyed, they cannot simply be replaced by landscaping or newly planted trees in the short term.

Given the reported presence of koalas, nesting endangered or vulnerable birds, the red-crowned parrot and platypuses in the adjoining creek, I believe the environmental significance of this site warrants immediate investigation before Council considers approving the development.

I respectfully ask Council to give this objection serious consideration and ensure that the site's environmental values are properly investigated and protected.