

Breeze sparks gale of protest

Attention: Shayne Clarkson

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OPPOSITION is mounting against a \$120 million housing development proposed for "village zoned" land at Jacobs Well.

Joining the Jacobs Well and District Progress Association in its fight to stop the proposed Calypso Breeze development on Helmore Rd is Sunfish, a lobby group for recreational fishing.

Insight Group, the developer of Calypso Breeze, is yet to receive the go ahead from Gold Coast City Council for its "master plan", but has already started "preliminary earthworks" and clearing of the site.

In a letter of objection to the council, Sunfish South Moreton Branch Gold Coast representative Colin Law expressed concern about the zoning, sewerage and water facilities, the site drainage, flooding, surrounding habitat, development density and traffic.

Progress association president Glenys Matters said residents objected to the "high density" proposal of 147 dwellings on 99 lots.

"We've got no quarrel with them (the developers) building to the village plan of one detached dwelling on one 600sq m lot," she said.

According to Sunfish, the land has a major drainage problem.

Gold Coast City Council

closeup growth pains

- Growing concern to development.
- Developer starts preliminary earthworks.
- Dispute about "high density".

maps show the area is subject to flooding and would need at least two metres of fill to bring it to above the 1974 flood levels.

Mr Law said Sunfish was also concerned about local waterways and objected to any development that threatened, or was not in keeping with, the area.

Insight Group director Rick Wiseman said it was "fairly natural" to get opposition from residents in an area where a quality housing development had not been done before.

"And some people have a vested interest in having everything stay exactly as it was," Mr Wiseman said.

Mr Wiseman agreed Calypso Breeze was higher density than what had previously been built in Jacobs Well, but disagreed it was "high density".

Mrs Matters said residents knew the land on Helmore Rd was going to be developed and wanted it to blend in with surrounding development.



■ Top effort . . . Beenleigh State High School Year 9 agricultural students, and Shannon Radel with some of their poultry.

Students fall foul

BEENLEIGH State High School agricultural science students just missed out on a place in the annual High Schools' Poultry Industry Education competition.

Teacher Val Lyons said the school had placed in the top three for the past seven years.

"Students did the best they could this year and they had a good entry, but you can't come in the top

three every year, it's just the luck of the draw," she said.

Ms Lyons said the Year 9 students this year researched the affects of protein on the diet of poultry.

She said they found that the more protein the chickens ate, the faster they grew and the less they ate.

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Nationals seek Fo

THE Nationals have opened nominations for the Federal seat of Forde following the announcement by sitting Liberal MP Kay Elson that she would retire at the next election. Ms Elson, 59, has held the seat for the Liberals since 1996.

Nationals Queensland state director Brad Henderson said the coalition agreement allowed the party to nominate in a seat vacated by a Liberal MP.

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