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Urgent Attention required

From: Helen Miles [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 24 February 2018 11:39 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: My Concern about Kempsey Shire Council/Cinema/Gowings

I am writing to you to express my concerns over Kempsey Shire Councils intention to gift \$2 million of ratepayers moneys to a multi million dollar company Gowing Brothers. This would be followed by a further \$2 million of Taxpayers moneys. Gowings would then contribute \$2 million dollars therefore increasing their asset holdings by \$4 million. Easy money! Could sell at a loss and STILL make a profit.

This is for a 4 screen Cinema on top of our Coles Shopping Complex which has always struggled to keep its shops filled and already has had security problems in the car park underneath the building.

We are a small but growing town struggling with the recent Bypass. Use these funds to improve the Infrastructure to attract more residents blown away with what we can provide, NOT an unsustainable white elephant Cinema owned by a third party but mostly paid for by us, the Ratepayer. Especially when we HAVE a Cinema, albeit old, with potential to once again become a fully functional Cinema as has happened in numerous other Country towns.

I believe if these funds are available, they should be used to bring

Industry to the town to provide a decent amount of jobs to the town.
Not the small 5-6 casual jobs predicted.

And THIS also does not take into account the jobs lost to the town whilst this building goes ahead. As in jobs from this very complex! Disruption to the number of parking spaces, the inconvenience of not being able to use the travellators and possibly lifts, the dust and general bedlam that follows building work of this magnitude. predicted to be at least 15 months will mean that shoppers just will not bother so existing jobs will reduce dramatically during this time..

Thank you for reading....Helen Miles

