



Core units: Inquiry and skills

Illustration 1: Citizenship in action – Year 5

## Resource sheet 1

Alternative perspectives on the shopping mall development proposal:

**Zoe Cruise, local teenager:** There aren't many jobs around here. Perhaps I will be able to get casual employment at one of the new stores.

**Charlie Pitt, local retiree:** We have used the bushland since I was a kid. We used to build our tree houses and forts there. Now my grandchildren have adventures there. It has always been a special place, especially the swimming hole in which all the kids swim.

**Belinda Depp, businesswomen:** The mall provides us with a great business opportunity. We are already negotiating with the developers for space in the centre.

**Anthony Green, conservationist:** There are a number of endangered species threatened by the development. Destroying their habitat will make it more difficult to protect them.

**Andrew Willis, developer spokesperson:** We have a responsibility to look after the interests of our shareholders. The mall has the potential to generate large profits.

**Lyndon Smith, transport planner:** The scale of the proposed development is too big. Road congestion will increase and millions will need to be spent upgrading public transport infrastructure.

**Kristen Freeman, local councillor:** No decision should be made until we know what the environmental impact of the development will be.

**Max Hoffman, local butcher:** The proposed mall will mean that we will have to close our shop. The big supermarket chains will cut their prices until they force us out of business.

**Betty Kidman, local resident:** We don't need more places to spend our money! There are already enough malls. It's all about big companies trying to make money. Save the bush!

**Jessica Ford, local resident:** The economic and social benefits of the proposal outweigh any environmental concerns.

**Alexander Gilmour, local small business owner:** The boost to the local economy will be great for my business. The more people passing through the railway station the better.

**Ethan Harrison, local teenager:** The mall will be great; I will have somewhere to hang out with my friends. There will be a cinema complex and food court. There's nothing to do here at the moment.

**Olivia Tran, town planner:** The proposed development will increase access to goods and services for the residents of the region. The site is located close to public transport. This should reduce car use.

**Ed Murphy, local resident:** Progress is inevitable. I remember when all this area was bushland.

**Amelia Chan, local resident:** We are looking forward to all the new stores. We won't have to travel into the city to shop.

**Victoria Lee, local retiree:** I walk my dog through the bushland every morning. I love hearing the birds sing. I have seen echidnas, wallabies and goannas. It would be a shame to lose all this for the sake of corporate greed.

**Mohammad Al-Rahman, local resident:** The mall can go elsewhere. Why destroy the bush? It is one of the few areas of bushland left in the city.