



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.