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Tower Holdings can't add up

“Capricorn Conservation Council is concerned that Tower Holdings numbers on areas to be developed on Great Keppel Island don't add up.” said Mr Herbert, vice president of CCC.

“Their map of the new development shows the golf course and surrounding villas will occupy an area of about 160 hectares. Another 88 hectares will be covered by the resort, buildings, airstrip and villas on the western part of the island. That is a total footprint of 248 hectares. However their document states that the “Total Island Based Footprint is 99 hectares” This appears to be a huge discrepancy.”

Also Tower states that 545 hectares of the 875 hectare Lot 21 will become an Environmental Protection Area. If a further 160 hectares is developed for the golf course, etc., and 50 of the 88 ha are also on Lot 21, then there is still a missing 120 hectares. Where have they gone?

“It is hard to believe that the explanation might be that the back yards between the villas would be included in their calculation of natural areas.”

“These apparent discrepancies need explanation before we can take the rest of this plan seriously.”