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Cr Don Aldous
The Mayor
Caloundra City Council
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Dear Sir

I write on behalf of Woolworths Ltd in regard to the Maleny development site. This is in the form of an open letter to yourself as Mayor, to the Council and to the Maleny community.

As you would be aware Cornerstone commenced preliminary site works on this site on Wednesday 14 April. They did so without the prior knowledge or agreement of Woolworths, which they were under no obligation to gain.

The development proposal was approved by resolution of your Council on 10 February 2003, subsequently confirmed by the Queensland Planning and Environment Court judgement on 27 August 2003 and all subsequent approvals of various Government agencies have been received, including those relating to issues of environmental impact.

Clearly Woolworths is sensitive to varying points of view in regard to this proposal including a strong point of view that the proposal should proceed and a vocal and active point of view that the proposal should not proceed. Cornerstone and Woolworths are not in a position and should not be in a position to make community decisions. This is the responsibility of the community and indeed the local authority, in this case, your Council. Your Council, on behalf of the community, has authorised this project to proceed. Woolworths is aware of the publicity that a vocal group of residents have created in terms of their actions and coverage thereof by the media. Legally this project is fully authorised to proceed.

However, Woolworths and Cornerstone are prepared to provide a further moratorium for 60 days from the date of this letter, to provide an opportunity for the community, through its Council, to consider again whether they wish to purchase, on the basis of an appropriate price, this site for community purposes. This obviously can only be done under the auspices of the proper community representatives, in this case your Council.

Should the Council on behalf of the community wish now to purchase the site it will then have availed itself of this further opportunity. Should the Council not choose to purchase the site then the community will have had a full opportunity to represent its point of view through Council. Woolworths will then do nothing to delay the developer's legal right to move towards undertaking the development and Woolworths will subsequently honour its legal obligation to lease premises in the new development.

We are sensitive to community views and feel this is an appropriate way for the Council and the community to resolve their issues in regard to this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rohan Jeffs', written over a faint circular stamp or mark.

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