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The proposed development in my opinion will cripple the hidden treasure of the area. The amount of proposed new residences for this area is in my opinion too many. The Murrumbidgee River corridor area mentioned is such a pleasant area which will be ruined by the development. The development should not come close to the river and should include as much open space as possible to attract native flora and fauna which is constantly being removed from Canberra areas due to inconsiderate developments like this. So while I agree that some houses and developments should go ahead, the proposed amount of houses is far too many. Injecting 30-40 thousand more residents into this quiet and natural part of Canberra would be a real shame. Not to mention the proposal for work to be completed over 20+ years of work. Have the effects (from noise, pollution, dust, displacement of animals and plants) on the nearby residents, animals and businesses been considered?

I would however like to see the Ginninderra Falls area opened again, especially if the surrounding area is provided with National Park status and bears a somewhat 'Tidbinbilla' aura. But not at the expense of 20+ years of noise, a huge increase in traffic and population and the destruction of one of Canberra's hidden treasures.