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Dear Advisory Committee,

Now is not the time for new developments of any type on Maui. We should not be building any hotels, houses, or even affordable housing without first or concurrently constructing the necessary infrastructure to support it.

Much attention has been focused on the road and traffic problems in South Maui, but roads are not the only, or even the most important, things to address.

Many of the reefs around Maui are dead or dying due to pollution and other contributing factors. We urgently need to install sewage systems for the new and existing developments, parks, and hotels, especially in densely populated areas.

Similarly, there are times when the island is stressed with inadequate water for the existing housing and agriculture. A new water catchment and storage system is essential. This could be designed concurrently with improved drainage, so that in times of heavy rain refuse isn't swept into the ocean.

Even the much-needed worker housing should not be constructed without the necessary support systems in place. Let's fix our problems before they become critical!

Thank you,
Karen Lewis