

Fairbrother chief's views anger Shearwater group

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RECENT comments by Fairbrother chief executive officer Craig Edmunds about Shearwater's new shopping centre have angered the Save Our Seaside Village group.

Save Our Seaside Village group spokesman Guy Barnett could not understand why Mr Edmunds would support splitting up the Shearwater town centre.

"We find it strange that the Fairbrother CEO would be in favour of splitting the Shearwater town centre when Fairbrother chairman, Royce Fairbrother, supports the Living City plan in Devonport," Mr Barnett said.

The \$12 million retail development will be anchored by a Woolworths supermarket and subdivision of the land started last week.

Mr Barnett said it was also a missed opportunity to develop the existing town centre.

"They have missed an opportunity to expand on the existing town centre and will now have to deal with the possible loss of businesses in the area."

Mr Barnett said the Latrobe Council also needed to lift its anti-competitive prohibition, which restricted the baker, newsagent, chemist, butcher, bottle shop and supermarket from competing with any new retailers.