

Dog kennels denied

THE DEVELOPMENT

application for dog kennels in Invergowrie has been rejected following the Uralla Shire Council meeting on Monday. Council's reasons for refusing the proposal are:

- * the proposal would not be able to comply with noise abatement that would be acceptable to the surrounding neighbours at all times;
- * the proposal would have a detrimental effect on the amenity of the adjoining properties; and
- * the proposal is not consis-

tent with the objectives of the zone in that it should be in keeping with the rural residential character of the locality. The Residents for Rural Character and residents of Invergowrie expressed their delight in this decision in a statement released yesterday. "This decision is great news for the many residents of Invergowrie who value and wish to maintain the rural residential character of the area," said Adam Blakester, spokesperson for the group. "The 5-2 vote disallowing

this development sends a strong message to the residents of Invergowrie, and other communities across Australia facing similar issues, that is local government continues to be an important democratic decision maker for environmental planning." The council spent several hours considering a range of presentations and information from residents, independent experts, council staff and the proponents for the dog kennel business.