

Review of: "Young Builders vs. University of Delhi: A case of maintenance of balance between environment and development in housing development for the megacity of Delhi"

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Interesting attempt, Thorough analysis of the data and facts and the topic needs wider attention. However, the presentation of the draft needs revision to make it more understandable to the readers as well as researchers who have interest in fields of environment, development, climate change and sustainability but may not have law or court proceedings expertise. Therefore, I suggest few following recommendations that may help.

Context of the land use change needs revision:

1. Context of the land use change referred in Gazette Notification dated 23.09.2005 shall be provided. Without that reader may not be able to understand the significance of the sub-sequent process and developments.
2. Little more literature review and research descriptions at the early stage of the draft may help readers to develop engagement with content of the article without assuming it as data tables or mere list of events.
3. Abstract needs revision: Instead of directly starting with the petition the research concepts that are key take away by this read shall be made clear. If it is not the journals policy or restriction of the word limit the structure of the article can also be reorganised.
4. Introduction shall be extended declaring the concept of environmental litigations, the nature of conflict the research is focused on or it is just a case study documentation for legal experts. Further, the scientific or academic challenges the article discusses and what it enhances to the existing academic knowledge and literature. i.e: the draft directly starts with petition number and location of the site may not interests wider readers.

Impression: The article records valuable observations that are essential for the policy reforms and environmental governance. Details provided in the figures and tables are commendable but some of the tables are lengthy and descriptive. Observations made on the regulatory authorities and urban land conflicts are useful for the Advancement of environmental policy. Therefore, if authors are interested in revision, comments can be addressed.

Good wishes