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Objection to Sewerage Plant in Piggabeen and Cobaki Estate.

To Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal,

We object to the sewerage plant being proposed or being built at the Piggabeen Golf Range for the following reasons.

1. Every year we flood as this is a natural catchment area for the surrounding hills and farmed area, I believe there will be a danger to the creek and everyone downstream from the suggested site. We don't want another so call accident like the prawn farms releasing white spot disease into our waterways even though there are measures in place so this does not happen AND IT DID!..... Photos of Piggabeen road in flood 2017.







2. With the suggested 5500 new houses to be built in the Cobaki Estate there is going to be a problem as there is only 1 road to access Piggabeen and the main entrance is to go past the sewerage plant site(ex Piggabeen Golf Range). The roads are so bad now with the lack of maintenance from the Tweed Council even the patches are getting patches. With all the increase of heavy vehicles, the roads will stay this way and it is a danger to drive on in the wet or dry due to the roads being so narrow.
3. The Banora Point Wastewater Treatment Plant which has undergone major upgrades is running under capacity and is more than enough to handle this new estate.
Why does there need to be a monopoly that forces the new home owners to only have their waste treated by a private company that can charge whatever they like.

From web site <http://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Wastewater/BanoraPoint>

Location: Enterprise Avenue, Tweed Heads South
 Services: Tweed Heads, Banora Point, Terranora and Bilambil Heights
 Capacity: Up to 18 mega litres per day or approximately 75,000 people
 Treatment: Tertiary level
 Uses a biological nutrient removal process for the treatment of raw sewage.
 Discharge Point: Terranora Inlet near the Dry Dock

Upgrades: In 1995, the Banora Point wastewater treatment plant was upgraded at a cost of \$18 million.

To expand the capacity to 75 000 people another upgrade commenced in 2010 and being completed in December 2012. The total cost of the upgrade was \$35 million. The project was funded by Council, with the assistance of a \$16.8 million interest-free loan under the NSW State Government Local Infrastructure Fund.



Is this now a waste of tax money and rates to upgrade and then not use this facility?

4. I believe this will have a big impact on property values as no one would like to live near or next to this sewerage treatment plant due to the odor, unsightliness and the aesthetics. There are businesses that will have to close due to them being next door to this treatment plant site they will have a loss of customers due to odour, noise and the visual aspect.Picture suggested site



5. Loss of habitat for our native animals like the endangered Cobaki Potaroo and Cobaki Bandicoot.

I purchased my property 2 years ago to be able to live in a native and natural environment. I'm working on recovering the native bush land that can support these endangered animals. I have installed trail cameras to see how my native man made forest and extension to the natural bush land is working. If this treatment plant is to go ahead then this will have a major effect on the natural habitat and corridor long the Cobaki and Piggabeen creeks.





Conclusion: I believe that the Banora Point wastewater treatment plant is more than adequate to handle the new estate at Cobaki, there is no need for a private treatment plant to degrade the value of the property's in this area with the increase of traffic, noise, environmental flood risk and odor.

Respectfully [REDACTED] worried Piggabeen land owner.