

Cobaki Estate Northern Water Solutions Licence Application

I wish to express my concerns regarding a licence application by Northern Water Solutions (NWS) in relation to Cobaki Estate Sewerage Treatment Plant, NSW.

In the Application NWS are asked:

4.2.15 If a treatment process forms part of the infrastructure for which the applicant corporation is seeking a license, what waste streams will be generated by the proposed treatment plant and how will the waste be disposed of or handled?

Seven responses were given by NWS, all of which present high risk to the local residents in the Piggabeen/Cobaki Area. Responses by NWS include :

- *Waste Products -As each bag is filled with dewatered screening, at approximately fortnightly intervals the waste will be disposed of by a licensed waste transport contractor to an approved solid waste landfill facility.*
- *MBR Waste Sludge The waste sludge will be stored until it is removed from the site by a Licensed liquid waste transport contractor and disposed of to the nearest approved municipal wastewater treatment plant.*
- *Excess treated effluent will be discharged through TSC's sewerage pump station and rising main located at the Cobaki Parkway and Sandy Road roundabout.*

The impact of such activity in our local area requires careful consideration. The risk of spillage, odour, regular waste transport contractors sharing the road with local residents is not in the interests of the public and not what we moved to Cobaki Valley for.

The site being considered for this development is outside the original development zone for Cobaki Estate, and is at present, an aesthetically pleasing location for the local community and visitors, but this will change enormously if a Sewerage Plant is built there. Existing residents of Cobaki/ Piggabeen have nothing to gain, and everything to lose, from a Sewerage Treatment Plant replacing a golf course and wedding chapel.

The recent rain event, Cyclone Debbie was extreme, but every year this area receives high rainfall. The risk of contamination of our vital wetlands will be a constant risk factor that I do not believe has been adequately addressed.

Every time I cross the bridge near Tallebugeera, the smell from the Elanora Wastewater Treatment Plant is sickening. I do not wish to have the same degrading of lifestyle in Piggabeen/Cobaki caused by the odour of a Treatment Plant.

In determining the NWS application I draw the Minister's attention to the Water Industry Competition Act 2006 (WICA) Division 2 Section 10 (4) (f)

The NWS application to build the Cobaki Estate Sewerage Plant on this site has not considered the interests of the public and it is not wanted in this ecologically aesthetic location.

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