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To whom it may concern

I am absolutely appalled that LEDA and IPART would even consider putting the sewerage plant in Piggabeen as it is such a pristine environment and rural area.

I live on [REDACTED] and the winds come up the Valley from the sea, I always know what the two houses below me are having for dinner, therefore I am concerned about the smells that this sewerage plant will produce. The last thing I need is the smell of sewerage and not to mention the noise generated from an industrial site in our otherwise silent Valley. I have included a link to an article that reports on the outrage of the residents of the Sunshine Coast that are having a multitude of problems with a sewerage plant that was built in their area.

<https://m.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/news/sewage-stink-upsets-residents/2635608/>

I am also concerned about the impact this development will have on property values in the Valley. I actually had my house on the market and had a very keen buyer until they found out about the sewerage plant. I was immediately offered a much lower price and they eventually pulled out of the deal altogether because of the sewerage plant.

The LEDA Holdings have Hectares of land, why don't they locate the plant over by the airport, M! or the old tip site. The proposed site is also prone to severe flooding, what about the damage to infrastructure that could result in leakages or spillages? This waste will leak into the waterways of Piggabeen and straight into the Tweed river.

Let's face it the sewerage plant is for the Cobaki Lakes residents it is of no benefit for the residents of Piggabeen. I am sure that a more appropriate and hidden site can be found on the Hectares owned by LEDA and why is the Cobaki Lakes development not being connected for its water and sewerage to the already existing Tweed Shire Council Sewerage plant? The Tweed Shire Council have spent millions of dollars, including my tax dollars, on upgrading this plant in order to accommodate the Cobaki Lakes development.

When I purchased my block of land and built my house I did so knowing that Piggabeen was a rural area and was not zoned for industry. I have also included the following information regarding the site at 425 Piggabeen rd from the Tweed Shire Council regarding its zoning conditions.

Amendments The Current Zoning for 425 Piggabeen Road Cobaki lakes is Rural 2 which does not allow a sewage treatment plant.

Please refer to Tweed councils approval for subdivision for lot 1 and 2 of DP 874316.

The subdivision of the 2 properties was granted with the provisions that:

There would be an easement for the Power company to access which travels directly through the middle of the said property. (If there is a sewage plant located on this site the power will need to be diverted to insure power can be accessed as required to my property.)

It Also states that the following conditions will apply:

- 1) No excavation including a septic tank .
- 2) No Effluent disposal for lot 1 which is 425 Piggabeen Rd
- 3) Please refer to the Fisheries Act Part 7A 1995 with regards to the potential of leakage of sewage into the Tweed creeks.
- 4) Please refer to section 75P (c1) of the act with regards to the environmental impact planning prohibiting this development under part 4 of the act.
- 5) Please also refer to the Contaminated land Management act 1997 section 59(2) 6) The land is identified as significant Non Contiguous Farmland under section 117(2) dated 30 September 2005.

I hope that my objections and those of the local Piggabeen residents are taken seriously and that another site on the 605Ha owned by LEDA is found to be more suitable. Or perhaps common sense will prevail and the Tweed Shire Councils existing plant will be used.

One of many pissed of residents

Regards,

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