

IPART NSW, I am objecting to this proposed water treatment plant in Cobaki/Piggabeen under the Water Industry Competition Act 2006. There are several reasons why this development will disadvantage the Cobaki/Piggabeen residents and only advantage Leda Holdings pty ltd. Tweed Council has spent 17 million dollars of public money upgrading its water treatment plant for future development in our area, which has an under supply of sewerage, which it needs to get efficient waste treatment. The proposed water treatment plant heavily relies on Tweed Council as a backup if their plant cannot treat sewerage effectively, because of weather conditions using large trucks congesting small country roads. Also planning to release up to 518 kl/day into Cobaki creek which for most of the year is barely running. In recent times Tweed Council has had to bail out many developments which have promised to deliver environmental benefits which again will be wasting our public money to fix something that could have been prevented in the submission stage. I understand people buying into the estate will like the idea of it but when they realise the water treatment plant is in a major flood zone, they will consider a simple grey water system which is a more effective idea. The Cobaki water treatment plant will directly affect my family, my superannuation and my lifestyle by decreasing land values and future development which I'd hoped that Cobaki development would come as an advantage, but if Tweed Council don't supply the sewerage service to Cobaki development we will probably be waiting for approximately 30 years for a sewerage service. As our beautiful acreage property was a major part of our superannuation planning, this development will affect my family and I very badly. The sewerage plant is visible from my house and I will probably smell it too, as it is only 500 metres away. Let's not forget the environmental escarpment only a couple of kilometres downstream which seems a complete waste of time when sewerage will be dumped upstream. I hope IPART will not forget the little people in its decision. Yours, Chad and Anna Oakshott