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**To Whom It May Concern**

**Re: Proposed Sewerage Treatment Plant Piggabeen NSW**

I am writing to oppose Northern Waters Solutions Pty Ltd proposed development of a sewerage treatment plant at Piggabeen adjacent to Leda Development Pty Ltd Cobaki Lakes development.

My objections are as follows:

1. The site is unsuitable for a Sewerage Treatment Plant as being flood prone land it will contaminate surrounding properties including Piggabeen Creek situated behind proposed development. Please see photos attached that indicate severity of flooding that has not been acknowledged by the developer. Tweed Shire Council refused a housing entitlement in the past due to the land being flood prone.
2. The surrounding low lying wetlands are fish breeding areas if contaminated would cause considerable damage to Tweed Heads multi- million dollar fishing, recreational boating and marine sports industries.
3. It is considered that the proposed development site is a riparian zone. These areas if kept in a natural or well managed state are important for many reasons.....Healthy land supports healthy waterways.....
4. An impact on devaluing properties in surrounding area. Who would want to buy property if the gateway to our beautiful valley has a sewerage treatment plant as a welcome mat?
5. Ratepayers of the Tweed Shire have already spent money for costly upgrades to incorporate the Cobaki Lakes Development into the current sewerage treatment infrastructure. What a total waste of rate-payers money this will be if the proposed development is approved. What would happen in the future if Northern Waters Supplies Pty Ltd went into receivership? Who would be responsible for the sewerage plant then?

6 The current width and condition of Piggabeen Road is not suitable for the frequent use of heavy vehicles to construct the Treatment Plant. From past experiences on this road with heavy vehicles this could indeed lead to health and safety issues.

7. Noise and odour levels effecting residents on properties surrounding Proposed Sewerage Treatment Plant. While it is stated that there is engineering specs stipulating acceptable noise and odour levels there seems to be no independent body responsible for ensuring compliance. The only personnel operating it will be company employees, who if they value their jobs, will not report any breeches. In a council run plant public service provisions provide more certain overview. How can ordinary citizens measure noise and odour and object if these levels appear to be exceeded?

9. Loss of aesthetic amenity as sewerage treatment plants are usually situated in industrial sites so as not to impact on surrounding residents.

I believe that the construction of a sewerage treatment plant on this site holds significant disadvantages to both the residents and environment of both Piggabeen and Cobaki Valleys hence I strongly oppose this development.

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