

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Proposed Sewerage Treatment Plant for Cobaki Estate

My objections to the proposed plant are that over the thirty six years I have lived here I have seen water flood over the proposed site and as Piggabeen Creek is the back boundary to this land this surely presents a huge problem. Piggabeen Creek flows into the Cobaki Broadwater which is a fish nursery and then into the Tweed River. The land has no housing entitlement due to the flooding probability.

I live very close to the proposed development site and whilst there will be engineering specs stipulating acceptable noise and odour levels there will be no independent body i.e. Tweed Shire Council to ensure compliance. The employees will be responsible for reporting any breaches so this may not happen. Tweed Shire Council would be more reliable and answerable to the rate payers in our community. The plant will be operated as a business hence aiming for a profit which differs from the council providing a civic service. Whilst the plant is new standards may be adhered to but as the equipment ages reliable and responsible readings may not be maintained. I don't own nor should I have to purchase equipment to monitor air and noise levels, if this plant was council run I would have assurance that the air and noise quality would be maintained.

The Cobaki Lakes Development which this plant will service owns hundreds of hectares, surely in this huge tract of land the plant could be placed where we all do not have to see it when we drive home or have visitors to our lovely valley. We will have to smell the odour, dodge trucks removing processed waste listen to very noisy pumps and be worried about our lovely creek when it floods. Tweed Shire Council have spent very large amounts of rate payer's money putting in infrastructure for the sewerage from this development. What a waste of our shires money if it is not used.

Piggabeen Road is the only road in and out of our valley, surely the plant could be positioned somewhere on the Cobaki Lakes Estate where we would not have to see it every time we drive by.

My other objections are that I have lived here since 1979, I intended to live here until I die or cannot manage to live here due to age or health reasons, then one of my daughters and her family will gladly live in her family home. David, my husband, and I bought our land in 1978 and were thrilled with the purchase as we had looked for a long time and finally found truly beautiful acreage. We reared our two girls here and had a very happy life until David died suddenly in 2000. My father had given us his adjoining land so I now had twenty lovely acreages. After David's death many people advised me to move, leave the acreage and live in town but here is where my heart and all my memories of my darling husband and our family life are. Then people would say to me "your property must be worth a fortune now" and if my rates notice is a reflection of this then I suppose it is a valuable property. It does not matter if my land is worth \$200,000 or \$2,000,000 I do not want to sell. I love it here. I will struggle to pay the large rates but wake up every morning thinking how lucky I am to live here. I will walk around my paddocks with my dogs, cows, horses and watch my chooks forage around and know I made the right decision to stay here after David died.

To have a sewerage works built just down the road from me that will have an awful stench either all the time or certain times of the day, will be noisy with pumps and other equipment in use, will be aesthetically ugly, will perhaps pollute the creek which is the back boundary to my twenty acres and

to add the final insult to injury will certainly devalue my property by a significant amount and make it hard to sell. So not only will it have a huge impact on my enjoyment of living where I do, and don't ever want to leave, but if the plant being built there makes it unbearable to stay it will have devalued my property so much it will be impossible for me to purchase as lovely a property so close to a town, I will lose my sense of community which I am certainly a part of after thirty six years in this valley. I will leave all the memories of my husband and I rearing our daughters here, the ashes of my mother, father and husband are here as are the remains of numerous much loved animals our family has had over the years.

I am only a sixty three year old widow not a land developer but I surely should have some rights and be given some consideration in this regard. As you can gather I strongly object to this development.

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