

Cooranbong Business and Community Alliance Inc.

Submission by Cooranbong Business and Community Alliance Inc re application to operate a sewage/water recycling plant at 617 Freemans Drive, Cooranbong.

The Cooranbong Community and Business Alliance (CBCA) recommends that IPART should reject the application by Cooranbong Water for a licence to build and operate a sewage/water recycling utility at 617 Freemans Drive to service the Wattagan Park Estate (WPE) development.

The principal reasons for rejecting the application are:

1. The proposed location of the plant (outside of the WPE) is very close to existing dwellings, a preschool, community centre, church and shopping village.
2. The proposed site is slightly above and adjacent to the floodplain of Dora Creek, the major tributary of Lake Macquarie. Controlling overflow during flood conditions and during power failures would be very difficult if not impossible. Drainage from the proposed site feeds directly to a water impoundment in another residential estate (Avondale Springs) and from there to Dora Creek.
3. Sewage disposal and water treatment facilities are available from Hunter Water.

Cooranbong Community and Business Alliance regards the construction and operation of such a facility at the proposed site as an unnecessary imposition on the community.

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