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Submission: I strongly object to the sewerage treatment plant proposal because of the location - ie in the centre of the Cooranbong community. The proposed location is one which was not in the original DA. That DA was withdrawn because of local community objections which were largely based on location (in that DA the sewerage treatment plant was located within meters of long established community housing). The current site is hardly any better and is even more centrally located within the Cooranbong Community. It is close to a large Community Centre, close to a Child Care facility, close to Community Shops and Medical Centres, close to a very large Retirement Village, and adjacent to long established local residential housing. In addition the currently proposed site for the sewerage treatment plant is on a significantly sloping block - a slope which would drain into the waterways of Avondale Springs (the lake around which many homes have been built). Should there be any issues with large rainfalls, treatment works overflows etc (as have been demonstrated in the last week at numerous sewerage treatment sites around the lower Hunter area), there would be a major detrimental impact on the community facilities and homes that are situated directly downstream on natural watercourses from this site.

On the other hand, the Owners of the property / development land at Watagan Park (Seventh-day Adventist Church) and the joint venture developer (JPG - Johnson Property Group) have control of many many acres of land in the current development that would be far better sites from the community point of view for the sewerage plant. The Seventh-day Adventist Church has written to the community via a major letterbox drop when shifting from the previous site claiming to be very sensitive to local community concerns. There are numerous alternative sites that would have none of the negative impacts and consequences outlined above. I urge the decision makers to require a relocation of the sewerage treatment plant in the interests of community safety and sensitivity.