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Submission: We wish to express our concerns regarding the Cooranbong Development Application currently before IPART.

Our primary concern is the environmental impact of this development. At every consideration, the effects are clearly adverse to all concerned, except perhaps to the developer. This development will impact adversely on:

* the ecology of the wetland flora and fauna currently inhabiting the land, destroying vital wetlands and polluting waterways that flow into Dora Creek and Lake Macquarie

* the living environment of families and their homes, due to noise pollution, odour, increased traffic, bright lighting at night, and loss of property value.

* the community environment due to proximity to shops, churches, the community centre, and even a preschool! The proximity of odourous fumes to the preschool should in itself be a major factor under consideration.

If the developer is averse to paying the fee to connect to the Marconi Rd sewerage plant, then our suggestion would be to position the treatment plant on the outer perimeter of their own land. This would back onto bush, distant from waterways and distant from the center of the Cooranbong Village itself.

Placing a sewerage plant directly on the main road of a town like Cooranbong would be a perversity. Could you imagine such a thing in the centre of other country towns such as Morpeth? Cooranbong has a quaint, country, touristy appeal for people on weekend drives or motorbike rides up to the Hunter with thanks to shops like the Elephant shop. Can you imagine stopping for a coffee at the corner cafe and enjoying the country air just metres away from a sewerage plant? No, neither can we.

Please consider the ADVERSE impact that this proposed development will have on our town, our visitors, our families, our preschoolers, our waterbirds and animals, and choose to REJECT the proposal as outlined by Cooranbong Water.

Yours sincerely,
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