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Mr J Cox  
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Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
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Dear Mr Cox

re: Submission to  
Pricing of Backlog Sewerage Services for Gosford City Council

The Mooney Mooney and Cheero Point communities have had a number of opportunities to indicate that they strongly support the provision of a reticulated sewerage system. Officers of Gosford City Council been very helpful in their communications with the communities and have provided us with every opportunity to understand the technical and financial aspects of the alternative systems available. The communities clearly support the low pressure option.

We believe that a reticulation system is necessary because there are always some individuals in the community who can not be trusted to conform to the necessary public health standards. Living on the Hawkesbury River, the community has great concern with pollution of the river, particularly from the Peat Island Hospital system which also services the Mooney Mooney Workers' Club. We are content with the opportunity given to the local oyster farmers to comment on the matter of water quality. Personally, I call on Council to work with us to address the problem of stormwater runoff about which I am much more concerned than I am for sewerage outfall.

The residents have always seen the cost differences between the southern and northern banks of the river as being inequitable. But this cost disparity has worsened. Since the residents and property owners made their decision on sewerage, the New South Wales government has made decisions which substantially increases the costs. We see that as grossly unfair.

Clearly it is in the interest of Mooney Mooney and Cheero landowners to pay less for a new sewerage system. We ask only that the process used to apportion costs should be a common across the State.

Yours sincerely

John Andrews  
Secretary  
Mooney~Cheero Progress Association