

Mr Paul Hickey  
The General Manager  
Ballina Shire Council

Re: The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Report No. DC08174 – September 2009, for the proposed Ballina Wastewater Reclamation and Augmentation Program.

### **SUBMISSION**

Dear Mr Hickey.

**I object** to Kings Court Reserve as a proposed location for a recycled grey water reservoir.

In the document from NSW Government Department of Planning Ref: S08/01513  
A consultation should have been done:

***In particular, you should consult the surrounding landowners and occupiers that are likely to be impacted by the proposal. Details of the consultation carried out and issues raised must be included in the EIS.***

It's not only Kings Court residents who are impacted by the proposal; it's also Castle Drive and the southern part of Sandstone Crescent. To my knowledge only 4 households have been approached by Council. As a long time resident in Castle Drive I feel as I should have had the opportunity to give my opinion.

In the EIS no details are included of consultations or issues raised as requested by the NSW Government Department of Planning.

Kings Court Reserve is located in a fully developed residential area and has been there for 30 years as a recreational space for anyone to use.

With the planned increase of population in Lennox Head no public open spaces or community land should be taken away from us and future generations.

Lennox Head in general has very few green areas or playing fields and Kings Court Reserve should not be taken from the community as it can never be replaced.

I object to having the recycled grey water, reservoir on Kings Court Reserve, destroying a public space and the reservoir has no benefits for anyone on the eastern side of North Creek Road. The proposed location is also too close to existing dwellings.

No community land or public reserves should be used as a short term cost saving for Council.

I'm also concerned about security in general. Kings Court Reserve adjacent to North Creek Road is the major local road children are using going to and from school and that large tank would be a target for vandals and a hiding place for drug users and child molesters. The remaining part of the reserve could not be a safe place for children.

Two other locations have been mentioned in the EIS document, Pacific Pines and Basalt Court.

Pacific Pines:

At the proposed area the recycled water reservoir will have very little visual impact as it's not close to any dwellings and can't be seen from the main road.

The triangular shaped reserve has no public access as it's fenced on the southern side and along North Creek Road and as a result, no security issues. The northern side is not fenced but one has to enter private land to be able to access the reserve.

From the road the reserve looks to be private property belonging to the adjacent dwelling and not a reserve. The small reserve has never had any purpose as a community area or open space for public use.

The grey water reservoir should be located close to developments benefiting from the dual water supply.

Basalt Court: For some reason not explained why is not Basalt Court included in the EIS? Referring to Appendix G (quote):

**6.4.1 Area 1:**

**The pipeline route commences at a new reservoir site next to the existing reservoir of Basalt Court, probably on the site of an existing residence to the north (Figure 6).**

**Two alternative locations for reservoirs were also inspected. Site One was in a park on the intersection of North Creek Road and Castle Drive, Lennox Head (Lot 29 on DP 261848). Site Two was partly in a council reserve (Lot 11 on DP 261848) and partly in Lot 233 on DP 1104071. (end quote)**

It could be a suitable location as it would be located beside an existing water tank and very little visual impact added to the street.

Apart from the heritage assessment in the Appendix G, no attempt is made to really compare the three quite different sites. No firm conclusions were even reached about heritage anyway. Costing the installation of the reservoir at each site may have been an important factor in the choice of sites, but there is no information in the EIS about this.

Established open spaces/community land must be kept at any cost as it is unlikely to be returned to public use after being taken for an infrastructure project.

Ballina Shire Council should protect areas established several years back and should not be in conflict with their own Management Plan.

The Pacific Pine or Basalt Court location fit in with Council's overall plan.

**I object** to the proposed location of the recycled, grey, water reservoir at Kings Court Reserve.

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