

Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

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The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
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Attention: Rod Dawson

Dear Sir,

Re: Kings Court Public Reserve

It has been brought to a number of local residents' attention that Council is proposing to construct a recycled water (treated effluent) reservoir on part of the Kings Court Public Reserve.

At a number of recent gatherings of local Lennox Head residents (including the vast majority of those residents that adjoin and are adjacent to Kings Court Reserve), it was unanimously agreed to form a resident action group which has been named as the ***Kings Court Reserve Protection Group (KCRPG)***.

This Group has a significant and continually growing membership and was formed as a direct consequence of substantial concerns relating to the planned utilisation of the Kings Court Reserve for the siting of a recycled water (treated effluent) reservoir.

From the limited information that we have been able to obtain thus far, the reservoir has a diameter of 26m, a height of 6m and will be situated on the most level section of the reserve immediately adjoining a significant number of long established residences.

As Council would appreciate, the siting of such a massive intrusive structure on the most level section of a well used public reserve, which is effectively in the back-yard of a large number of residences, has created a substantial amount of angst and concern among residents in both the local and broader community.

It is submitted that the dissemination of information to the local community in respect of this proposal has been extremely limited. To date, only 4 residences within Kings Court have been notified by letter-box drop (letters dated 5 August 2009) of the proposed reservoir. NONE of the most severely affected properties have been notified yet – let alone consulted in regard to the proposal.

It should be noted that some **45** private properties actually adjoin the reserve, and that there are several residences that will be subject to substantially greater impacts than the 4 residences in Kings Court that were notified.

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It is understood that the reserve is classified as "Community Land" under Council's Generic Plan of Management for Community Land.

So that the KCRPG will be in a position to make informed decisions and provide constructive input into the planning process, it is respectfully requested that the following information be provided in writing as a matter of extreme urgency:

- Confirmation of the status of the public reserve under the provisions of Council's Generic Plan of Management for Community Land, January 2002 (i.e. classification, ownership, management, permissible uses etc).
- Confirmation of any EIS being undertaken, including its status, the public consultation required in its preparation, contact details of the consultancy engaged for its preparation, and a copy of the Director-General's specification for the preparation of the EIS.
- Full details of the community consultation process that is to be undertaken to inform the local community of the decision making process for the proposed reservoir site.
- Scaled and dimensioned plans of the proposed reservoir showing the actual location and size of the proposed reservoir, inclusive of all other ancillary and incidental proposed works to the public reserve.
- Information as to why the Kings Court site has been chosen when, as we understand it, a long-standing designated site exists within the Pacific Pines Estate on the western side of North Creek Road.

Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Please address all correspondence to; The President
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Thank you for your time and we eagerly await your response.



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