

Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Community Consultation for the Use of
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Date: 16th October 2009

To: Ballina Shire Councillors

Dear Sir or Madam:

**Re: Ballina – Lennox Head Recycled Water Master Plan EIS
Report No. DC08174**

We three community groups of Lennox Head have serious concerns in regard to the inclusion of the siting of the Lennox Head (treated effluent) reservoir in the *Ballina – Lennox Head Recycled Water Master Plan EIS*.

The EIS is comprehensive in its scrutiny of the *Environmental* impact of the proposed treatment plants themselves and rightly so. The upgrade of the treatment plants has a strong 'weighting' towards *Environmental* impact and accordingly, only a minor *Social* impact is expected.

The placement of the Lennox Head (treated effluent) reservoir in an existing residential area however, has grave *Social* implications and as such, these must be 'weighted' more heavily in consideration.

The treatment afforded the investigation of this highly sensitive siting issue in the *Ballina – Lennox Head Recycled Water Master Plan EIS* is considered **inappropriately deficient** in *Social, Technical, Environmental and Economic Analysis*.

Further, we feel it is an unnecessary cost to the community to continue the investigation of sites that have not been the subject of **Community Engagement** and are, in the case of the Kings Court Reserve option, quite clearly inappropriate under the most basic of *Impact Analysis*.

We call on you Councillors to include the siting of the Lennox Head (treated effluent) reservoir on the Agenda at Councils' Ordinary Meeting of Thursday 22nd October 2009 and further, to resolve to remove the decision of siting the Lennox Head (treated effluent) reservoir from the EIS's adoption and for Council to undertake an immediate community engagement process, in line with the recently adopted **BSC Community Engagement Policy** in regard to this matter.

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The decision on where to site the Lennox Head (treated effluent) reservoir, or in fact, if a reservoir is warranted at all, ultimately rests with you the elected Councillors, and deserves a far greater degree of consideration and community engagement before an informed, measured determination can be reached for the larger community through you.

In anticipation of the commencement of a Public Engagement process that flows through the five steps of *Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate and Empower*, we have engaged the services of an Infrastructure Development Consultant to undertake a preliminary *Impact Analysis* of the factors pertaining to the supply of recycled (treated effluent) to the new subdivision areas of Lennox Head as proposed in the Master Plan.

Rudimentary preliminary findings from the Consultants Report were tabled at a meeting between Council's Mr. John Truman (Manager – Civil Services Group), Mr. Rod Dawson (Manager – Water, Sewer and Waste) and Mr. Neil Kennedy (President of the KCRPG) on Tuesday 13th October 2009, and indicated that there exists numerous possible site locations (8+), most of which impacted far less on the local and larger community than the **EIS** preferred Kings Court Reserve site.

We would welcome any opportunity to meet and/or discuss this contentious issue with you, our elected representatives, and to supply any information we have that may help to reach resolution in regard to this matter.

We await your consideration of our requests at your earliest convenience.

Kind Regards,

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