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From: "John Truman" <johnt@ballina.nsw.gov.au>

To: "Ian Watt" <wattygray@ozemail.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, October 06, 2009 8:48 AM

Subject: RE: Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Thanks Ian,

I look forward to meeting you then.

John

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From: Ian Watt [<mailto:wattygray@ozemail.com.au>]

Sent: Saturday, 3 October 2009 3:24 PM

To: John Truman

Subject: Re: Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Dear John,

Your planned time of 2:30pm on Wednesday 7 October, 2009 for the meeting between Council and our delegates works for us as well.

Regards,

Ian Watt

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From: "John Truman" <johnt@ballina.nsw.gov.au>

To: "Ian Watt" <wattygray@ozemail.com.au>

Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 5:48 PM

Subject: RE: Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Hello Ian,

As indicated previously, I welcome the chance to speak with you. I can make an arrangement for wed afternoon, 2.30 is best for me if you can make that work.

I havent checked yet whether or not Rod Dawson or David Williamson can attend. Given that at this stage the discussion will focus on process, I will be able to manage regardless if they happen not to be available. I will also invite a representative from Council's Regulatory Services Group to attend the meeting. As indicated previously,

the Groups in Council have separate roles, however I think it will assist you to connect to both.

I am finalising a response to your letter which I should have to you before the meeting to assist in your preparation.

Regards
John Truman

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From: Ian Watt <wattygray@ozemail.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 1 October 2009 7:50 AM
To: John Truman <johnt@ballina.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Dear John

Further to your email on Friday 25th September 2009 (attached), we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the status of the project and in particular:

- the intent and form of the report that you intend to present to Council's 22 October 2009 Ordinary Meeting; and
- the manner in which our group can participate in the report and meeting process.

Please be advised that we would desire a delegation of five people being:

- Neil Kennedy - President KCRPG.
- Ian Watt - Secretary KCRPG.
- Ken Armstead - Committee KCRPG.
- Fred Goodman - President Lennox Head Residents Association.
- Louise Owen - President Lennox Head Chamber of Commerce.

We envisage that you would have some technical support staff in any such meeting. If so, could you please advise who will be attending on Council's behalf.

If it so pleases you, we would appreciate the meeting being held some time on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th October, 2009.

Undoubtedly, you would now appreciate that there is a substantial amount of concern within the local and broader Lennox Head communities to the proposed siting of the

treated effluent reservoir on the Kings Court reserve.

Our group and the broader community are currently in the process of preparing detailed submissions to the statutory exhibition of the EIS which will be received and considered by Council's Regulatory Services Group.

Your continued co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Ian Watt
Secretary,
KCRPG

----- Original Message -----

From: John Truman

To: Ian Watt

Cc: Andrew Smith ; David Williamson ; Rodney Dawson

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 10:40 AM

Subject: RE: Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Dear Mr Watt,

Thankyou for your email.

I again acknowledge the importance for you to have as much information as possible to assist you to respond further to this matter. Therefore I understand your request to have our response to your letter in advance of a meeting with you and that remains my commitment to you. However, if you also have a need to meet or call beforehand, to clarify process or other questions, please contact me.

In case you weren't aware, I would like to clarify some organisation arrangements within Council. Whilst Council is of course one entity, as you would appreciate its functions are diverse. For this matter Council is both a proponent and a regulatory authority. To support good governance and avoid any risk or perception of a weakness within the regulatory assessment function, Council's organisation structure is constructed in a manner that ensures complete separation of those roles. For this matter, my department represents the Council as the proponent and therefore will not have any role in the regulatory assessment. The assessment will be completed by the Regulatory Services Group. Andrew Smith is the manager within the Regulatory Services Group that will manage the assessment. I have copied Andrew this email for his information and as contact details for you.

The Regulatory Services Group Manager is Rod Willis. I appreciate this broadens the number of people within Council that you will have a need to communicate with, however that structure is important for the reasons I have outlined.

As the statutory exhibition of the EIS forms part of the assessment,

that task is the responsibility of the Regulatory Services Group. The exhibition has commenced and details are available on Council's website.

The closing date for submissions is 30 October 2009.

Given the concerns you and others have raised, I have decided to prepare a report that will be presented to Council at its Ordinary Meeting which will be held 22nd October 2009. The purpose of the report will be for the Council (as a proponent) to consider whether it wishes or not to amend the proposal within the EIS. I am doing that to allow residents and the Council to consider the matter at least initially outside of the statutory process. I will discuss with you further when we meet about how you can participate in that process, however in general terms, I have asked for the report to compare the Kings Court site to alternate sites and the do nothing option.

I have advised Andrew Smith of my intention to prepare the report and we have discussed its relationship to the exhibition process. I suggest that you don't make your submission to the EIS in advance of the Council meeting. That way you (and I) will be able to respond to any information arising out of that process and any decision of the Council. If the remaining eight days are not sufficient time for you to make your submission, Andrew advises that the Council would accept and assess submissions that are post the closure date. In that situation I would advise that you make a brief submission in the exhibition period and explain that you propose further details to follow.

In regard to your question about additional information. I am still waiting on that from Public Works and will advise you as soon as receive it.
I anticipate that to be within the next week.

In regard to your question about the preparation of the EIS, it was prepared on Council's behalf by NSW Public Works (formally the Department of Commerce).

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Regards
John Truman

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From: Ian Watt [mailto:wattygray@ozemail.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 23 September 2009 4:29 PM
To: John Truman
Cc: Ballina Shire Council

Subject: Re: Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Dear Mr Truman,

Thank you for your prompt acknowledgement of receipt of our email and attached letter.

We too welcome the opportunity to open the lines of communication between our two organisations so that constructive dialogue and an informed 'cost/benefit' analysis of all the alternatives with regard to the siting of the recycled (treated effluent) reservoir can occur.

We would ultimately like to meet with you to discuss the issue. We are, however, firmly of the opinion that it would be imprudent to do so until we have received and had time to digest the information that we have requested.

So that we can keep our members informed and plan for the dissemination of information to local residents and Lennox Head Associations, can you please advise as to the likely time-frame for the delivery of the requested information/documentation.

In the interim, can you please immediately advise of the status of the EIS and by whom it is being prepared.

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

Regards,

Ian Watt
Secretary
Kings Court Protection Group (KCRPG)

----- Original Message -----

From: John Truman
To: Ian Watt ; Paul Hickey
Cc: Rodney Dawson ; David Williamson
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2009 4:40 PM
Subject: RE: Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Dear Mr Watt,

Thank you for your email with its attached letter.

Council and its staff understand the concerns you hold in regard to the proposal and we welcome the opportunity to share thoughts and information with you to ensure the inputs into the planning assessment are complete and enable the elected Council to properly consider its options and make a decision.

I will arrange a response to the matters raised in your letter. It may also be useful to meet with representatives of your group to further assist in communications.

My contact details are below should you wish to discuss this matter with me at any stage.

Regards
John Truman

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From: Ian Watt [mailto:wattygray@ozemail.com.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 16 September 2009 4:22 PM
To: Ballina Shire Council
Cc: Rodney Dawson; David Williamson; John Truman
Subject: Kings Court Reserve Protection Group

Wednesday September 16, 2009

Mr Paul Hickey
General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
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CC: John Truman - Group Manager, Civil Services Group BSC
Rod Dawson - Manager of Water, Sewer and Waste BSC
David Williamson - Strategic Project Manager, NSW Office of Public Works

Dear Paul,

The attached PDF file contains a letter from the Kings Court Reserve

Protection Group that is self explanatory.

Regards,

Ian Watt
Secretary
Kings Court Protection Group (KCRPG)

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