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Tweed Shire Council:

General Manager
Tweed Shire Council
Box 816
Murwillumbah 2484

Dear Sir

RE: Objection to the Crematorium and Mortuary at Chinderah.

We have read in the Tweed Sun of the proposed Mortuary and Crematorium next to the Melaleuca Station Tourist Centre at Chinderah, this is totally out of context with a tourist development and the proposed future development for a Highway Service Centre on that site and should be prevented.

What a total insult to grieving families and friends to have a crematorium and chapel in such proximity where tourists are loudly expressing themselves, tourist areas are always noisy being based on fun, frivolity and family activities which always loudly carry the voices of children having fun over long distances. Tourist activities are always generators of high noise levels and the attitudes of those attending is at the opposite end of the human spectrum to grieving families. A Crematorium and Mortuary cannot be built in such a location; it would be grossly insulting and disrespectful to the community.

This type of development needs to be in a more suitable area away from all other developments in a quiet respectful environment and unless such environment is available such should be rejected out of respect for the deceased and their families. We put it to you, the Administrators, and your staff, would you have your loved family member farewelled in such an unsuitable out-of-character environment where nearby tourists are loudly enjoying themselves. When you have lost your loving spouse, parent or your child, and are grieving deeply such an environment would be insultingly heartbreaking. At such times of sadness you

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will have a very different appreciation of the surrounding environment.

The Melaleuca Station Tourist Centre and proposed future development for a Highway Service Centre on that site would be twenty-four hour activities, when the crematorium furnace is active at night with frequent atmospheric inversions and with light mists and fogs falling the exhaust from the crematorium would create a very unsatisfactory environment. If there is to be a crematorium on that site then tourist and other activities must be prevented as an irrevocable condition of approval. We suggest you and the administrators, visit the area of an active crematorium on a night of atmospheric inversions, then you will have a better appreciation of the matter.

As to the matter of creating a development like this in a flood plane.... This must NOT be done.

We put it to you that the financial generators of the Beck family must not override the dignity and respect and heart felt sympathies required by bereaved families and their friends. This development must not be approved in such an environment.

For the Tweed Local Environment Plan to be amended specifically to allow this development is being loudly discussed in the community as indicating special consideration is given to the Becks due to their previous positions as councillors, mayor and MP, through the mates system. We do not believe you can dispel these community comments.

I lodge formal objection to the Tweed Local Environment Plan being amended specifically to the Beck's benefit, and I also lodge formal objection to the Crematorium and Mortuary being given any approval in such an unsuitable environment.

I suggest that consideration be given to such a development adjacent to or near the Tweed Cemetary.

CUSTOMER:

ANONYMOUS.

ATTENTION: GENERAL MANAGER
TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL
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9394 TWEED VALLEY WAY
CHINDERAH
LOT 703 Dp 1000580

OBJECTION TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR CREMATORIUM
AT MELALUCA STATION SITE

15 December 2006

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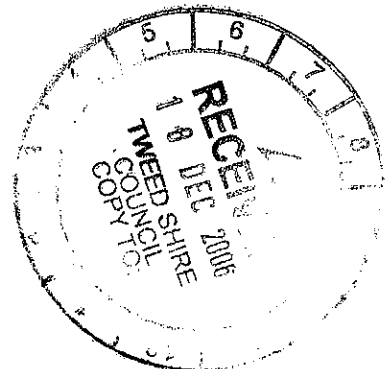
Dear Sir

I would like to express my concern regarding the application for a Crematorium to be placed on the Melaluca Station site on Tweed Valley Way.

It would be such a sad site to see a pretty farming area that is so well known become a place of sadness by having to be reminded of death each time you go past there.

I do not believe that it is an appropriate place for a crematorium to be placed and would definitely object to it's application for development being allowed.

Yours sincerely



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PROP. 41932, DAOT.

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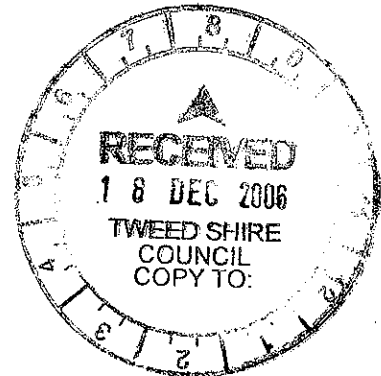
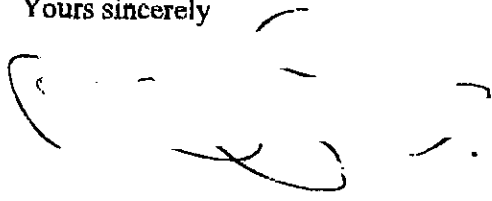
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Dear Sir

I would like to make an objection to the application for a Crematorium to be placed on the Melaluca Station site on Tweed Valley Way.

I feel that this would be a blot on the landscape there and would like to see the area remain farming land.

Yours sincerely



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The General Manager,
Tweed Shire Council,
P.O. Box 816,
MURWILLUMBAH, N.S.W. 2484.

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Dear Sir,

Re: **DA 06 / 0266. Establishment of a Mortuary & Crematorium - Melaleuca Station, Chinderah.**
Lot 704 DP1000580.
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We refer to the above Development Application and after inspection of the relevant documentation at your Tweed Heads office we tender our submission as follows:-

1. The plans for this development show the Mortuary & Crematorium attached to the existing Tourist Complex and this alone indicates that the applicants intend to utilize the whole of the complex for funeral related activities.
 - (a) Present tourist patronage indicates that this facility is not viable in its present form.
 - (b) Advertising around the present Tourist / Funeral Home eg. "Fresh Chicken/Meat Pies made Daily" would appear to be totally inappropriate and demonstrates a certain lack common sense and taste by the owners. One can only guess what sort of signage will appear if the project proceeds.
 - © The railway theme and the possible existence of a Crematorium is not a good combination historically particularly if any fencing was to be erected around this development. (Concentration Camp?)
 - (d) This property confronts the Pacific Highway entering the Tweed / Gold Coast and the Tweed Valley Way leading to Murwillumbah. The existence of a huge Funeral Home / Mortuary / Crematorium will not be a "Good Look" for OUR region. This type of development needs to be in a more discreet location.
 - (e) Many homes on adjacent hills surround this site and it is unfair to inflict the sight of a crematorium on these residents.
2. The subject land for this development forms only a small portion of the land owned by the applicants and at present is zoned Agricultural Protection 1 (b2).
 - (a) It is interesting to note that the present tourist facility is also being advertised and used as a Funeral Home under the above zoning.
 - (b) The Sugar Industry which has been the mainstay of this valley for so long has finally just started to enjoy better times and with renewed faith being shown in this industry by investment in an electricity generating plant at Condong, now seems to be the WRONG TIME to encourage the use of prime cane land for other uses.
 - © Approval of this application will open the door and signal the start of many more applications for Commercial activities in this area at the expense of the rural zoning which is there in this case to protect the valleys SUGAR INDUSTRY.

In view of the above comments the proposal to establish a Mortuary and Crematorium in this location should not proceed and if the present Tourist Complex is not viable then so be it.

This submission may be construed as an objection and as such we request that our names not be disclosed to the applicants & owners of the land to which this refers.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]



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The Shire Manager

Dear Sir,

9394 TWEED VALLEY WAY
LOT 703 OF 1000580 CHINDERRAH

Reference to the proposed development application to build a mortuary and crematorium adjacent to Melalunca Station.

When I purchased my allotment and built a house at the above address I was influenced by the pleasant views of river and cane fields from our lot. The price of the lot and subsequent land valuations (and rates) also reflect these factors.

The subsequent construction of Melalunca Station did nothing to improve our outlook. The proposed development of a mortuary and crematorium with its probable emissions and odors will

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further detract from our outlook
and leads me to declare my strong
opposition to the development

Yours Faithfully

December 15, 2006

Tweed Shire Council
Murwillumbah NSW 2486

Re: Development application to build a Mortuary and Crematorium adjacent to the Melaleuca Station

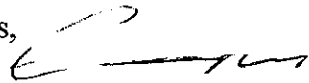
To Whom it May Concern,

Why would you even consider such a development in such a prevalent position, I urge you not to approve this development. Why?

- This would be one of the first landmarks Tourist traveling into the Tweed will see! How would we who live on the Tweed feel with comments like " Just pass the Crematorium should be there soon", certainly would be a very uncomfortable feeling for tourists and local commuters driving past.
- My backyard looks across to Mulaluca Station with views over the cane fields and ocean, it's lovely. To think one day while relaxing with family and friends, we can quite clearly see the smoke of somebody's relation or friend being cremated, this will undoubtedly prove to be very disturbing, wouldn't it? If you had to look directly at this, what would this do to you, your family and friends emotionally, be honest with yourself, you would need to seek professional help for depression, how would anybody be able to live with such a development on a day to day basis.
- To think Lyn Beck will endeavor to continue Tourist Activities in such an environment just proves how blinded she is with this project, would you go to a Crematorium for a tourist activity! I know this would eventually have no interest to tourism and in time no tourist will want to go to Melaleuca Station because of the Crematorium, and Lyn would also know that in time this would happen.
- This land is zoned for agricultural purposes! Not the cremation of the deceased, how is this agricultural. Please reconsider amending this local environment plan.

Obviously, we totally reject this development application, and I trust your decision will be to refuse such an application its absurd.

Regards,



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The General Manager
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Murwillumbah NSW 2484

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Dear Sir

Re: Development application: DA 06/0266 Mortuary Crematorium & LEP amendment.

I wish to object to the proposed crematorium at Chinderah in its current presentation.

1. A recent family bereavement at Tweed Heads caused me to choose a funeral provider. I was horrified by what was presented by the funeral service providers at the Chinderah site. The conflict/contrast between appropriate respectful environment and a fast food tourist attraction was resolved by immediately choosing to go to Lorisches at Murwillumbah. My objection is that by presenting such a significant life event in an immediate tourist surrounding trivialize the solemnity of the occasion and is not a good lesson for younger generations or anybody for that matter. There are no bylaws about what is reasonable taste.
2. I chose to live at Terranora overlooking a rural valley. I can understand how people feel overlooking the proposed Chinderah crematorium. Every time it is observed, unpleasant thoughts will be generated. Thoughts are turned from pleasantness to unpleasantness. Discretion and not visibility is required. The statement "not highly visible" is not true for those who overlook the facility from Terranora to Banora Point and it is not true for those that will notice emissions from the cremator.
3. The crematorium activity/facility.
The DA documents only make passing mention of the cremator visibility. There is a reference to "state of the art" technology. The documents/plans presented even appear to show a non conforming emission system. There is no direct information about hours of operation, capacity, operational controls (smoke), monitoring requirements etc etc. Emissions from the furnace will likely to be seen by many people who overlook the proposed activity. The crematorium furnace technology even with afterburner or secondary chamber will not prevent smoke from being visible. Again any visibility in this form is distasteful.
4. The land use.
The land use (state) plan states that the basic plan for these rural areas is that the activities on the land are rural by nature. A crematorium activity is not rural activity.

I believe that the co - location for this proposed facility is not in the best interests of the community. The highly visible crematorium facility including its emissions is unacceptable. By comparison I found that the Tweed Valley Way Cemetery is very appropriately sited, discreet and a beautiful place to visit.

Yours faithfully

9394 TWEED VALLEY WAY
CHINDERAH

LOT 703 Dp 1000580

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General Manager
Tweed Shire Council,
Tumbulgum Road
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Re: **Development Application DA06/0266**
Mortuary – Crematorium and LEP Amendment
at Lot 703, 704, 705, 707 DP 1000580
No. 9394 Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah

Dear Sir,

An inappropriate cynical 'in your face' utilisation of this tourist site, for the many people overlooking, and who pass by, this prominent position in the flat cane fields of the Tweed Valley.

A quantum leap in bad taste which MUST NOT be approved.

Traditionally a crematorium is within a cemetery and/or is sheltered by position and design ... The opposite of this proposal.

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DANBORA
NSW 2486

PROP. 41932, DA06

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15th December, 2006

Attention: General Manager
Tweed Shire Council
P.O. Box 816
MURWILLUMBAH NSW 2484

**Re: Development Application
for Mortuary & Crematorium at Melaleuca Station
DA06/0266 -- at Lot 703, 704, 705, 707 DP1000580,
No. 9394 Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah**

Dear Sir,

My property and home are located on a prominent strip of land to the north, above Melaleuca Station. I have an uninterrupted view to the south over Melaleuca station and beyond. I purchased this property, comforted by the fact that the land below was zoned for agricultural protection, and felt secure that our outlook would not be spoilt by any future development.

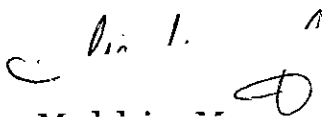
A development such as a mortuary and crematorium would have to be the worst possible choice for land such as this.

Such a development would have a negative effect on many residents, including myself and my family. It would not be a pleasant thought to be faced with southerly winds blowing smoke and emissions over us. The crematorium would also have a negative effect on the people who pass by on a daily basis, and the people who enter our shire in holiday periods.

Tourists are flocking to this area at a rapid rate, and Melaleuca station is a well known tourist facility. A crematorium within a tourist facility is a ridiculous concept, and it is obvious that the tourist facility would cease to operate, allowing the crematorium, mortuary and funeral facility to expand over coming years if approved.

I submit this letter as my objection to DA 06/0266 and trust that council will do the right thing for all the surrounding residents and refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

Di. I.


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Re: Proposal for Melucca Station
a crematorium.

PROP. 41932, DAOT.

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To Whom it may concern,

We have been asked to put our objections to you in writing with regards to the proposal of turning Melucca Station into a crematorium.

Firstly, the position of the proposed site is very inappropriate, of which I am sure that on looking further afield there is alot more suitable places to position this other than on a main highway.

We have recently invested in a commercial property in the local village of Tumbulgum, of which in the near future, if passed, would de-value all properties within this village & neighbouring suburbs. Of which alot of local people work very hard to maintain their property value's.

On speaking to other local people on this issue, I was not suprised to hear how outcreped they were with this proposal and objected very strongly.

Hoping these concerns are taken seriously

Yours Sincerely
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Attention: General Manager
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Re: Development Application for Mortuary & Crematorium at Melaleuca Station

Dear Sir,

As a resident of the Tweed I strongly object to the approval of a Crematorium & Mortuary facility on or within the Melaleuca Station property.

Our home overlooks the proposed site, and the thought of being reminded on a daily basis (or worse still, hourly) of death and the sadness that goes with it, is horrendous.

We were confident that this picturesque outlook would never change, due to the zonings on this area. Why should so many residents be forced to look at, or drive past such a thing on a daily basis????

It should be constructed within a cemetery, or in an area where it is not in constant view. If there is a need for additional crematorium facilities, why can't the present ones in the area be enlarged to cater for it?

You MUST NOT ALLOW such a development to be approved.

Yours sincerely,

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CHINDERRAH NSW 2488
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Tweed Shire Council
Planning and environment,

To Whom it may concern,

I have recently found out that Melaleuca Station on Tweed Valley way is to possibly become a Crematorium. This horrifies me in that I pass there daily to and from work and at other times and knowing what is happening there is not acceptable, I also have to consider the smoke factor also and human remains give off all sorts of Toxic emissions, Hair, false teeth fillings etc.

Then there is the Price of Real estate where I live and it will be affected as well as the fact that I am a real estate agent and I know when prospective customers are told about this they will not want to buy in the area it is exposed and should be in a dead end street, or way away where know one is affected by it. If the general public are made aware of this proposal it would all be up in arms if you approve it.

I am only 1 of 3 people from this household but I am going to prepare a public meeting to oppose this.

Regards
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13th December, 2006

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Attention: General Manager
Tweed Shire Council
P.O. Box 816
Murwillumbah NSW 2484

Re: Development Application for Mortuary & Crematorium at Melaleuca Station
DA06/0266 – at Lot 703, 704, 705, 707 DP1000580,
No. 9394 Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah

Dear Sir,

I am a local resident and want to inform you that I OBJECT to the approval of a Crematorium & Mortuary facility on or within the Melaleuca Station complex.

Melaleuca Station is directly in our line of sight from all rooms of my home. When we purchased our property, we did so with the belief that our view would not change due to the zonings in place. Changes to the LEP to allow this to take place should not under any circumstances be considered. In fairness to the residents who already live in the area, and see Melaleuca station from their cars or houses, such a development should be denied. There are far more appropriate places for a crematorium within the shire, and this is the worst place that could ever be contemplated.

I would not have purchased my home years ago, if the property looked over a crematorium, and I should not have it forced onto me now.

Don't ruin our area, and our tourist potential!

You MUST REFUSE this application for a Crematorium and Mortuary.

Yours sincerely,

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10th December, 2006

The General Manager
Tweed Shire Council
PO Box 816
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Dear Sir,

Re: **Development Application DA06/0266**
Mortuary, Crematorium and LEP Amendment
at Lot 703, 704, 705, 707 DP1000580, No. 9394 Tweed Valley Way,
Chinderah

1.0 INTRODUCTION

I refer to the abovementioned development application currently under assessment by Tweed Shire Council and hereby object to the proposed development, and the amendment to the LEP.

Tweed Shire is a vibrant and attractive place to live, offering its community a high level of amenity. This proposal is to locate an inappropriate business, being a Mortuary, Crematorium and it's ancillary activities, immediately adjacent to a well known tourist facility and the main focal point as seen from the surrounding hills, and homes.

2.0 GROUNDS OF THE OBJECTION

The grounds of this objection include:

- The site is not suitable for the use;
- The suggested LEP amendment is a conflict to the Local Environmental Plan 2000
- Adverse impact on the character of the surrounding residential area;
- Adverse impact on the amenity of the surrounding residential area;
- The social impacts on surrounding residents; and
- The proposal is not within the realistic expectations of residents.

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3.0 SUMMARY OF THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELIED UPON

In summary, the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds are:

1. The site is not suitable for the use

- A Mortuary & Crematorium is an Inconsistent Use in a 1(b2) Agricultural Protection Zoning
- The use is unsuitable for the subject site, being a well known Tourist Facility, and it is in extremely poor taste to suggest combining the two.
- The site is in clear view of a vast number of well established residences
- Melaleuca Station is the first obvious building to come into view for motorists heading north from Ballina and beyond. A crematorium is not an acceptable "icon" to great people with as they enter the Tweed.
- The land is prone to flooding, and would have been totally below water in the 1954 flood. The following picture shows the area in minor flood around 2000.



2. The suggested LEP amendment is a conflict to the Draft Local Environmental Plan 2000

The proposed development demonstrates substantial non-compliance with the Draft Local Environmental Plan 2000. **Some of the aims of this plan:**

- For management of growth so that the unique natural and developed character of the Tweed Shire is retained, and its economic vitality, ecological integrity and cultural fabric is enhanced.
- To encourage sustainable economic development of the area of Tweed compatible with the area's environmental and residential amenity qualities.

**TWEED
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COUNCIL**





The consent authority may grant consent to a development, only if:

1. It is satisfied that the development is consistent with the primary objective of the zone within which it is located
(No it is not, as it is Zoned Agricultural Protection)
2. It is satisfied that the development would not have an unacceptable cumulative impact on the **community, locality or catchment** that will be affected by its being carried out or on the area of Tweed as a whole.
(Yes it would have an unacceptable impact. **For the community**, it would be a constant reminder of death and sadness, as they look down onto it from their homes, or drive past it on a regular basis. **For the locality**, Council's goal is to ensure the Tweed region remains one of Australia's most popular places to live, work and play now and well into the future. Tourism is of massive importance to the Tweed, and you risk spoiling the ambience and appeal of the area. **For the catchment**, the effects of allowing toxic emissions such as mercury & dioxin to name a few, to be released into the area, and the catchment area, are unknown. Stop this now, before it is too late.

The consent authority may grant consent if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the consent authority that:

- (a) the development is necessary for any one of the following reasons:
 - (i) it needs to be in the locality in which it is proposed to be carried out due to the nature, function or service catchment of the development
 - (ii) it meets an identified urgent community need
 - (iii) it comprises a major employment generator

My comment – it does not comply with any of the above

- (b) there is no other appropriate site on which the development is permitted with consent development (other than as advertised development) in reasonable proximity

My comment – This could not be a more **inappropriate** site! It should be part of a current cemetery, or in an inconspicuous place. Not just for the sake of the residents who would have to look over this development, but also for the people who would be attending services there. Such a facility should be in a quiet and private location, away from traffic. Why not extend the facilities that are already in place in the shire.

- (c) the development will be generally consistent with the scale and character of existing and future lawful development in the immediate area

My comment – how can anyone believe that a crematorium is consistent with the character of a tourist facility. Words cannot describe my thoughts on this.

COUNCIL
SHIRE
TWEED





If this application was to improve Melaleuca Station so that it would become a thriving tourist destination, I would have no objections. We want to encourage tourism, not turn tourists away with such a tasteless development in this prime position ~ **The Gateway to the Tweed.**

(d) the development would be consistent with the aims of this plan and at least one of the objectives of the zone within which it is proposed to be located.

My comment -- The primary objective of Agricultural Protection Zoning is to protect identified prime agricultural land from fragmentation and the economic pressure of competing land uses. The secondary objective is to allow other development that is compatible with agricultural activities. A crematorium does not comply with these objectives. No doubt the Melaleuca tourist facility was approved originally as it could be perceived as an agricultural activity. The applicant should not be allowed to use that original amendment to their own advantage in this case.

In addition, the consent authority may grant consent to the proposed development, only if it has considered a socio-economic impact statement in respect of the proposed development.

They must identify the likely future impacts of the development on the affected community.

The Socio-Economic Impact Statement (Annexure G which was part of the application) contained nothing but a few ticked boxes. Surely this is not acceptable.

Although it is implied that there will be no negative impact on people passing the site, no thought has been given to the residents who look onto the development.

3. Adverse impact on the character of the surrounding residential area

- The nature and scale of the proposal is inconsistent with the character, landscape and local setting in which it is proposed; and
- The proposal will be obtrusive when viewed from the surrounding hill side residential properties, and cause emotional issues for many people, including myself.

4. Adverse impact on the amenity of the surrounding residential area

- The proposed development will result in adverse impacts on the amenity of surrounding properties. Particularly in relation to possible toxic emissions, smoke

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and odour. Whether smoke is visible or not, residents will still be reminded constantly of what is taking place in the building below and this development would have the potential to significantly impact on the surrounding residential area;

5. The social impacts on surrounding residents

- The proposal has the potential to significantly impact on the health and well being of the surrounding community; and
- In 1998 the Local Government Act, 1993 was amended to enhance the environmental management roles of councils. It specifies that Council must consider “activities to properly manage, protect, restore, enhance and conserve the environment in a manner that is consistent with and promotes the principles of ESD (ecologically sustainable development)” Approval of this application would not be consistent with the above.

It is also important to note that sustainable development does not prevent development, it just ensures that it occurs with the future of the whole community in mind. Situations that require decisions between benefits to the whole community and the profit-making rights or personal desires of individuals, have the capacity to influence sustainability more than any other area.

6. The proposal is not within the realistic expectations of residents

- The proposal is for an Inconsistent use for this land and the area, and therefore not within the reasonable expectations of local residents.
- It is likely to significantly change the existing character and identity of the surrounding residential community in a manner not envisaged by the planning scheme or within the realistic expectations of the local community;
- Beyond the realistic expectations of the local community and is highly controversial and sensitive within the local community.

5.0 CONCLUSION

In summary, the proposal therefore fails to achieve the realistic expectations of surrounding residents in that their expectations for their community health and wellbeing will be compromised. This would be an Inconsistent and incompatible use of this land, well removed from the intended use of land within this zoning, and totally unacceptable.

I have also included a picture showing the view from my home, to try to reinforce why I am so upset and disturbed by the possibility of this application being approved. Like many others affected by this proposal, we pay high rates (around \$2,500 per year) to

council, in exchange for the effort they put in to protecting and maintaining our shire. We have always been extremely happy with council's efforts, and I sincerely hope you will not let us down at this time.

Thank you for considering my submission when assessing and deciding this development application.

Yours sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]



This is the view from my home, including:

My Family Room
My Kitchen
My Study
My Bedroom
My Ensuite
My Guest Room
My Outdoor entertaining area
My Future swimming Pool

MY WHOLE PROPERTY !!!!!

Stop the Mortuary & Crematorium at Melaleuca Station, Chinderah

A Development Application to build a **Mortuary and Crematorium** adjacent to the **Melaleuca Station** building has been submitted to Tweed Council, along with a proposed amendment to the Local Environment Plan to allow this on land zoned for agricultural protection.

The applicants state that present tourist activities would still take place, and they do not perceive any conflicts with tourist activities in that area. Who would choose a day's activities on a farm which also houses a mortuary and crematorium?

If you believe that a Crematorium in such a prevalent position would be detrimental to our scenic outlook and future value of our properties, I urge you to sign the petition. Do you want this to be one of the first things people see when they enter the Tweed?

Many of the homes in Terranora, Banora Point and Farants Hill, Duranbah, Cudgen etc. look directly onto Melaleuca Station, plus hundreds of vehicles pass by on a daily basis. Why should this type of facility be given approval in such a prominent position.

We only have until the 15th December to lodge our objections

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	Terranora Rd Bangra Pt.	
	McAuleys Rd Terranora	
	Buenavista Dr. Bilambil Heights	
	Bales Terranora Rd	



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9394 TWEED VALLEY WAY CHINDORAH

To

The General Manager

10-12-06

With regard to development application by BCS Group Pty Ltd for consent for a mortuary / crematorium and LEP amendment appearing in Tweed link (14/11) I wish to lodge my objection to consent being given

1. The land in that area is flood prone. Some elevation is required as in the case with the existing crematorium at South Tweed Heads.

d. It is quite out of character to have it fronting a tourist drive.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

December 11, 2006

Dear Sir,

**Re: Development Application DA06/0266 – Mortuary/Crematorium
and LEP Amendment at Lot 703,704,705, 707 DP1000580
No. 9394 Tweed Valley Way, Chinderah**

What is left to be said about the total absurdity of even considering the above development application.

I am sure by now others have already argued along such reasonable lines as destruction of cane fields, tourism impact and just plain stupidity to have such an establishment in this beautiful valley. I certainly share those views but would also like to add the thought that this application is just absurdity.

I do take this opportunity to wish you and all those who are responsible for the stewardship of this wonderful shire, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,