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Attention: Mr. Michael Rayner

#### **RE: POTTSVILLE RELEASE AREAS – PROVISION OF SEWERAGE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Dear Sir,

We refer to the matter above and the Councilor's workshop held on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2009. In this regard please find attached letters of confirmation with respect to the provision of funding to commence the investigation process as discussed.

Should Council have any queries in respect of this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at any time.

Kind regards

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In this regard we advise that we act on behalf of the land owners identified to have controlling stakes in the predominance of lands identified within the Tweed Employment Generating Lands Strategy 2009, the Tweed Urban Land Release Strategy 2009 and the DRAFT Pottsville Locality Plan 2009.

As suggested at the recent Councillor workshops, we are seeking the following:-

- 1. Council's assistance in undertaking a Strategic Demands and Site Selection Investigation with respect to the future Sewerage needs of Pottsville;
- 2. In return for a commitment (by the landowners) to funding these investigations, we are seeking a commitment from Council to be a party to a Memorandum of Understanding that sets out the terms and timing of these investigations; and
- 3. We are seeking to be a party to the brief prepared for any such investigations and for any tenders in this regard to be made available for scrutiny.

As you will appreciate the timing of these investigations are crucial to being able to ensure the orderly development of the land consistent with Council's recently adopted strategies.

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Yours Faithfully

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# Coastal Wastewater Treatment Plants and Catchment Capacity



### **Current Available Capacity at Coastal WWTPs**

WWTP	Current Capacity	Average Loading	Estimated Peak Loading = Av x 1.15	Available Capacity	
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Banora Point	62500	54500	62675	-175	
Kingscliff	25000	12000	13800	11200	
Hastings Point	16000	10500	12075	3925	
Totals	103500	77000	88550	14950	

- 1. Approved Upgrades
- 2. Banora Point Upgrade with provide 12,500 ep
- 3. Tweed Heads Current Approval for 10,000 ep









Hastings Point Projected Population April 2007							
Locality	2001	2011	2021	2031	2041		
Cabarita	2621	3301	3981	4662	5342		
Hastings Pt	722	877	1031	1185	1339		
Pottsville	2137	2664	3248	3959	3959		
Pottsville Waters	1271	1350	1400	1500	1500		
Black Rocks	0	1000	1280	1280	1280		
Tanglewood	98	100	1200	1200	1200		
Koala Beach	98	1600	1600	1600	1600		
Seabreeze	0	1800	2000	2000	2000		
Totals	6946	12692	15740	17386	18220		
Hastings Point Projected Loading kL/day @ 240 L/p/day							
Totals	1667	3046	3778	4173	4373		
Plant loading is approx 10500 ep equating to					kL/day		
Plant with 16000 ep Capacity equates to				3840	kL/day		
Plant with 18000 ep Capacity equates to (some works required)				4320	kL/day		
Note: figures do not include allowances for an increase in the proportion of commercial activity and holiday loadings							



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### Hastings Point WWTP – What's still required

- 1. Rectify Filtration problems to achieve 18000ep capacity of Dune exfiltration system
  - likely replacement of disc filter with sand filtration at WWTP
- 2. Additional capital works at WWTP to ensure process robustness and provide some redundancy at 18000ep loading. Works include:
  - 2 additional sludge lagoons
  - Possible additional catch balance tank and concrete lining of existing catch balance lagoon
  - Possibly an additional bio-reactor
  - Possible increase in storm lagoon capacity

#### Notes:

- 1. The concept for the plant augmentation from the original 8000ep to the 18000ep was a staged approach to squeeze as much capacity as possible for the existing tankage.
  - The concept was confident of doubling the capacity of the bio-reactors to 16000 ep.
  - However to achieve 18000ep was to be determined by monitoring actual performance. This approach minimised upfront expenditure.
  - 2 additional sludge lagoons were to be constructed to match increasing loading.
  - Additional flow balancing if required dependent on gravity sewer infiltration and inflow performance.



# Kingscliff Catchment





#### Kingscliff Projected Population April 2007

Locality	2001	2011	2021	2031	2041		
Fingal	626	784	960	1176	1176		
Chinderah	1794	2243	2754	2754	2754		
Kingscliff	5049	5270	5270	5270	5322		
West Kingscliff	0	0	1400	2800	2800		
Cudgen Village	579	656	733	811	888		
Rest of Rural A	907	1122	1122	1122	1122		
Kings Forest	0	0	5000	5000	11500		
Casuarina	0	4500	5000	5000	5000		
Lot 490 & Sea Side City	0	0	2500	2500	2500		
Salt	0	2000	2500	2500	2500		
Totals	8954	16575	27239	28933	35562		
Kingscliff Projected Loading kL/day @ 240 L/p/day							
Totals	2149	3978	6537	6944	8535		
Plant with 25,000 ep Capacity equates to 6000					kL/day		
Note: figures do not include allowances for an increase in the proportion of commercial activity and holiday loadings							



### **Kingscliff WWTP – What's still required**

- 1. Augmentation once load reaches 20000ep (approx 2016)
- 2. Size of augmentation to be determined but up to 25000ep has been catered for.
- 3. Next augmentation will require the full range of government approvals (existing river discharge is not guaranteed)
- 4. Further reuse will be a condition of any likely approvals
- 5. West Kingscliff development has been identified as feasible reuse opportunity which will require an advanced waste water treatment plant module to supply recycled water to this development area.



## Banora Catchment





Banora Point Pro	jected Pop	ulation Ap	ril 2007					
Locality	2001	2011	2021	2031	2041			
Tweed Heads	6853	7800	8000	8000	8000			
Tweed Heads Infill	0	2000	4000	6000	10000			
Tweed Heads West	7673	8400	8664	8719	8719			
Tweed Heads South & Banora Pt	16771	19098	21424	23751	26077			
Bilambil Heights	2395	2498	2601	2705	2808			
Bilambil & Piggabeen	907	1110	1314	1517	1720			
Cobaki	0	1000	6000	10000	11040			
Highlands Estate	29	625	625	625	625			
McAllisters	0	0	0	2110	2110			
Adjacent to Terranora Resort	244	250	1500	3010	3010			
Terranora Resort	0	0	1600	3564	3564			
Terranora Rural	2209	2836	3463	4090	4717			
Area E	0	0	2000	2000	2000			
Totals	37083	45617	61191	76090	84390			
Banora Point Projected Loading kL/day @ 240 L/p/day								
Totals	8900	10948	14686	18262	20254			
Plant with 75,000 ep Capacity equates to				18000	kL/day			
Plant with 10,000 ep Capacity equates to					kL/day			
Total				20400	kL/day			

Note: figures do not include allowances for an increase in the proportion of commercial activity and holiday loadings



#### **Banora WWTP – What's still required**

- 1. Current augmentation from 62500 to 75000ep with construction to start 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2010
- 2. Tweed Heads WWTP Current Approval for 10,000ep (approx 2015)
- 3. Future augmentation of either Banora point or Tweed Heads WWTP above 85000ep (approx 2020), noting these catchments have a significant commercial loading above the residential population.
- 4. This future augmentation will require the full range of government approvals
- 5. Likely that further reuse will be a condition of any likely approvals
- 6. Possibly an advanced waste water treatment plant module will be required to supply recycled water to maximise reuse opportunities.



### **Constraints to Augmentation at Hastings Point**

- **1. Hastings Point Dune Exfilration System** 
  - Capacity unlikely to be greater than 18,000 ep once filtration issues rectified
  - Has already been doubled in size, further approvals unlikely.
- 2. Full range of government approvals required for augmentation of plant in excess of 18,000ep
- 3. Approvals for augmentation will require more effluent reuse
  - New development is on fringe of catchment far from WWTP
  - Existing developed areas provide limited opportunities for viable and cost effective reuse
- 4. Creek / Estuary discharge unlikely to gain community or Government Agency support



# **Further**





### **Options for Augmentation include:**

- 1. Shift some load north to Kingscliff WWTP and bring forward its next Augmentation
  - Cabarita Bogangar Catchment logically separated (Cost and septicity / odour issues) 5300 ep
  - Similarly for Tanglewood 1200 ep
  - This total of 6500 ep unlikely to be adequate for proposed residential and industrial land development south and west of Pottsville
  - Next Augmentation will require full range of government approvals (existing river discharge not guaranteed, more reuse and a deep sea release may be required)

#### 2. Augment Hasting Point WWTP with Deep Sea Release

- Government reuse requirements may not be achievable
- Very costly
- May not be acceptable to community

#### 3. New WWTP located south or west of Pottsville

- Reuse requirements likely to be 3<sup>rd</sup> pipe as a minimum
- Discharge of unused effluent to:
  - Tidal discharge to creek / estuary (unlikely to gain community or Government Agency support)
  - Deep sea release (May not be acceptable to community, costly)



# **Next Steps**

1. Determine if the Urban and Industrial release areas south and west of Pottsville are a short term priority of Council given:

- The financial and resource commitments required to ensure sewerage capacity to existing zoned land.
- The extended time frame for take up of available and approved treatment plant capacity.
- 2. If so, a concept to sewer, reuse and dispose of excess effluent needs to be developed in consideration of the various augmentation options, noting the key issue is effluent disposal.

3. In principal approval from the relevant approving agencies for effluent disposal requirements and WWTP site needs to be gained early in the process.



### **Discussion**



#### **WWTP and Dune Exfiltration Area**











## **Dune Exfiltration Schematic – Exfiltration Area**



- 8 x 100m sections of Trench
- Need to rest sections between uses
- Capacity is based on use of 4 sections of trench
- Capacity unlikely to be greater than 18,000 ep once filtration issues rectified



#### **Dune Exfiltration – Typical Cross Section**





## Sand Blinding Problem – reaction with impurities in dune sand





#### **Blinding Layer After Drying**





### **Treatment Processes**













### **Bio-Reactors**





# **Original Continuous Sand Filters**





## **New Disc Filters**





### **New Disc Filters**





# Likely to go back to Original Sand Filters, need 6



