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*Dear Neil*

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the wording of petitions nos. 715-06 and 722-06, lodged with the Legislative Assembly of Queensland, regarding Maroochy Shire Council's proposal to develop a bioreactor landfill at Ferntree Creek Road, Kulangoor.

The proposed Bioreactor Landfill facility is currently undergoing a public awareness and consultation process prior to any lodgement of a development application for assessment. I understand Council supports the consultation process through the distribution of newsletters and making information regarding the proposed Bioreactor Landfill facility available on Council's website. I am further advised public meetings were held and information mailed directly to landowners adjoining the proposed site and landholders within Ackerman road, Kulangoor.

The proposed Bioreactor Landfill facility will require assessment under the Maroochy Planning Scheme 2000. Should an application be lodged with Council for a Bioreactor Landfill facility the application will require referral to relevant State agencies for review and assessment under the Integrated Development Assessment System of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA).

The regulation of development and assessment of individual development applications is primarily a Council responsibility. Under the IPA, any person wishing to undertake assessable development of land must apply to Council, which is required to assess each application on its merits against the requirements of the planning scheme. This includes works proposed by Council. If an application is in conflict with the planning scheme, the IPA requires the council to refuse the application, unless there are sufficient planning grounds to justify the approval.

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Concerned residents should, therefore, liaise directly with Council on telephone number 1800 236 564 or write to Mr John Knaggs, Chief Executive Officer, Maroochy Shire Council, PO Box 76, Nambour Qld 4560.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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