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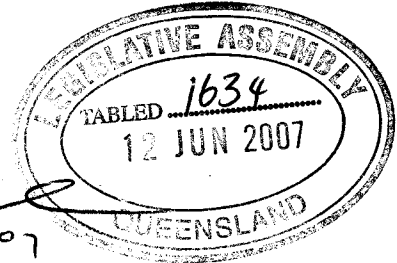
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THE CLERK OF THE PARLIAMENT

Dear Neil

Thank you for providing me with a copy of the wording of petition no's 768-07, 779-07, 780-07, 794-07, 795-07, 805-07 and 806-07, 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. Issues such as technical, financial feasibility and environmental impacts are to be addressed through further investigations and a detailed design for the facility has yet to be proposed. In relation to site selection and the need for a waste management facility in Maroochy Shire, I am advised Council has undertaken extensive studies and research resulting in the development of an Integrated Waste Management Strategy for Maroochy Shire.

I understand Council supports the public awareness and consultation process through the distribution of newsletters and by making information available on Council's website regarding the proposed Bioreactor Landfill facility. I am further advised public meetings were held and information mailed directly to landowners adjoining the proposed site and landholders within Ackerman Road, Kulangoor.

I am advised 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 such as the Environmental Protection Agency for review and assessment under the Integrated Development Assessment System of the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* (IPA). Such assessment will be fulsome and rigorous.

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It is important to note however, the regulation of development and assessment of individual development applications in Maroochy Shire is primarily undertaken by Council. 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. If an application is in conflict with the planning scheme, the IPA requires Council to refuse the application, unless there are sufficient planning grounds to justify the approval.

I understand the development application for the proposed bioreactor landfill will be lodged by Maroochy Waste Management which is a 'Business Unit' of Council. Notwithstanding any interest Council has in the proposal; as assessment manager, it will need to assess and determine the development application in accordance with the provisions of the IPA as outlined above.

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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