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DRAFT TWEED LEP - SUBMISSION DUE

*Public submissions are due by
April 30th.*

Significant changes in the Draft
LEP are:

Changes to rules governing clearing of native vegetation in environmental protection zones

The draft LEP proposes a very
great reduction in the area zoned
for environmental protection, and
the quality of protection provided
for those areas that remain zoned
for environmental protection.

Changes in the height limits for buildings across the Shire

The previous LEP limited heights
of buildings using the number of
stories permissible. The new LEP
uses heights in meters to limit
building heights. The new height
limits will allow a further storey
over the existing limits. 2 storey
limits will go to 3, 3 storey limits
will go to 4.

Floor space ratio (density of development)

The draft LEP would effectively
increase the allowable density of
development in most parts of the
shire zoned for urban purposes.

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KINGS FOREST & COBEKEI LAKES - WRITE TO THE MINISTER NOW

Review of project proposals are currently in process, Write Now to the Minister for Planning is currently assessing these developments.

Kings Forest - 12,000 people. Cobaki Lakes – 12,000 people. Bilambil Rise - 5000 people Leading world best practice standards are required for outcomes in: a) sustainable urban design, energy efficiency and public transport, and b) sustainable water use, water sensitive urban design, sewerage and waste management.

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For detail of the above issues, suggestions re issues to raise in submissions, and info on where to send submissions please refer to the enclosed fact sheets.

DRAFT TSC WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - SUBMISSION DUE

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Additional water supply for the Tweed Shire is 'required' because of current plans to substantially increase the local population and house the new people here in unsustainable inappropriately designed mass housing developments which are not required to capture and store rainwater, nor recycle greywater.

- Object to the planned doubling of the Tweed Shire population.
- Object to the inappropriate design of the mass housing developments which have no requirement to capture and store rainwater on a large scale, and no requirement for grey water recycling.
- Insist that the new mass housing developments collect and use rainwater as their primary source of water. We live in the countryside, we drink the rainwater here.
- Insist that the new mass housing developments be designed to recycle greywater.

Submissions can most easily be made via a telephone!

DRAFT WATER SUPPLY AUGMENTATION PLAN - SUBMISSION DUE

Public submissions are due by April 30th.

Shortlisted options proposed within the said plan include:

- A new dam and the flooding of the highest riparian conservation value land in Tweed Shire at iconic Byrrill Creek valley;
- Increasing the height of the dam wall at Clarrie Hall Dam an additional 8 metres, flooding significant areas of farming, residential and forested land;
- Installing a pipeline to SE Queensland capable of taking water both ways, shipping water into the Caldera (from the non-sustainable desalination plants of the Gold Coast), or, shipping water out from the Caldera (to the on-going non-sustainable development of the Gold Coast).

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NO RALLY GROUP - FUNDRAISER

GIANT GARAGE SALE

Kingscliff Amenities Hall

Saturday 15th May

Donations for Garage Sale/Auction welcomed.

Come Along

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

SUNDAY 6TH JUNE

Knox Park Murwillumbah

We need **HELPERS** 7am for Set-Up, **CAKES VEGETARIAN SAVORIES** etc for the Caldera Food Stall, and **HELPERS** for the 3pm Pack-up.

If undelivered, please return to:
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