

The Assessment Manager
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Dear Sir,

Re: **Development Application MCBd 14/070**
Commercial Ground Water Extraction (Industrial Use) at 22 Power Parade, Mt Tamborine.

I wish to object to the above development for the following reasons:

Conflict with the Planning Scheme – The Planning and Environment Court found, in Appeal No. BD4506 of 2011, that there was conflict with the Planning Scheme that had not been overcome by the evidence provided by the applicant. The appeal was dismissed in 2013. No additional material provided as part of the application before Council changes this conflict with the Planning Scheme. Commercial Ground Water Extraction is a Defined Use in the Extractive Industry Use Class and is not a use considered applicable for the Village Residential Precinct, in which the subject site lies. The development is a use and of a scale, form or intensity not intended for the zone. Despite the additional material provided by the applicant, the Use applied for does not achieve the Specific Outcomes required for the Tamborine Mountain Zone.

Community need – There is no local need or local support. The applicant's report addressing economic need, does not demonstrate that there is a need for water from this site for local purposes, and therefore does not establish that sufficient grounds exist to override the planning scheme. It is observed that the proponent can and does obtain the water from other lawful points of extraction. There are presently 3 permitted commercial water extractors on the mountain with approx. 160 tanker trips on our roads per week. There are already existing approved sources of bottled mountain water available; the need for an additional source has not been demonstrated.

Loss of Amenity – Neighbouring properties were affected by the proponent's extraction activities before they were stopped by legal action against an unlawful use. The development does not provide a benefit to the local community and has a negative impact on the landscape, scenic amenity and streetscape of the Tamborine Mountain Zone. This application is an industrial use in a residential neighbourhood and no grounds have been demonstrated to overcome the impacts of the proposal.

Water Sustainability – It is imperative that we sustain the availability of water on the mountain for the community. It has been reported that many residents have found that their bores are drying up. As Tamborine Mountain does not have reticulated water, its aquifer is an essential local community resource. We need to keep our water on the mountain for local use.

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Name:.....Signature.....

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