

The Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative Group  
The communities of Coongulla and Glenmaggie  
Gippsland Victoria

Mr. S. Crees  
Director - Water Regulation  
Essential Services Commission  
Level 2  
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7<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Dear Mr. S. Crees,

**Subject: Submission 2008 Water Price Review Draft Decision -  
Gippsland Water May 2009**

We refer to the above matter and again wish to confirm our concerns as to the Glenmaggie and Coongulla Country Towns Water Supply and Sewerage Program [CTWSSP] project funding and completion timelines as detailed in the draft review decision - Gippsland Water 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

Our concerns are as follows:

**Project Funding**

The Department of Sustainability and Environment have as confirmed in the Gippsland Water 2008 Water Price Review, significantly reduced the level of funding to the Glenmaggie and Coongulla sewerage schemes. It is requested that this reduction in funding be challenged by the Essential Services Commission and that direction be provided through the Water price Review process to support additional funding to the CTWSSP.

This increased commitment would go some way to minimising the impost of GW capital funds required and the effect on customer tariffs as projected to increase 100% to 20013.

**Project Priority**

The statement by the ESC review consultants Sinclair Knight Mertz in their Water Price Review 2008\ final consultant report document Page 27 Section 5.2.2 and repeated in the ESC 2008 Water price review Draft

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Decision Vol II that "the review team is not aware of any specifications concerning timing associated with this obligation is flawed.

The Wellington Domestic Wastewater Management Plan prepared utilising state funding, at the direction of both the state and RMCG external specialised consultants applied a precision RISK MANAGEMENT matrix to determine the appropriate wastewater priorities.

The highest priority [greatest potential environmental risk] was accorded to the Glenmaggie Coongulla sewerage requirement with Loch Sport receiving the second priority [WSC Draft Domestic Water Plan, RMCG Sect 7.0 Page 33, 55].

Clearly the lack of reticulated wastewater management around Lake Glenmaggie has been assessed by both Government and independent experts and accorded the highest priority. Clearly GW do not have the same priority in their planned works over the proposed 5 year period.

We respectfully request that the ESC address the funding shortfall variance with the researched, published and agreed project priority. In the event that you should desire further information or discussion we would be pleased to assist.

Yours faithfully

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