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Attention Mayor Borzi and Councillors,

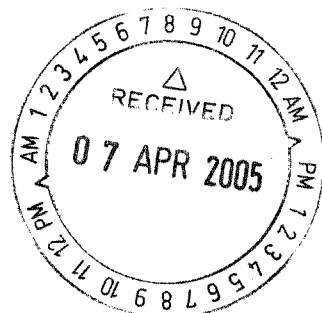
This letter is in regard to Dimbulah's Current Water problem. After coming back to Dimbulah after the Easter Break the water coming out of the tap was a light brown. That was 2 weeks ago and it is still the same now. I have some patients with wounds that would benefit with their wound being washed in the shower and then sunning their wound before they come for their dressing. At the moment this is not happening as I would not dare to recommend that they wash their wound in this dirty water. This is an on going saga in the life of Dimbulah people, is there any thing that can be done to rectify this problem?

The Clinic is fortunate to have a rain water tank but many people in the town can not afford to have this luxury but at the moment it is a necessity. Also, after is rains in the area there area lot of clients both young and old that come down with stomach problems such as diarrhoea and vomiting.

For the Health and Wellbeing of the clients in the Dimbulah town I hope this problem is being taken seriously and is high on the councils agenda.

Yours sincerely

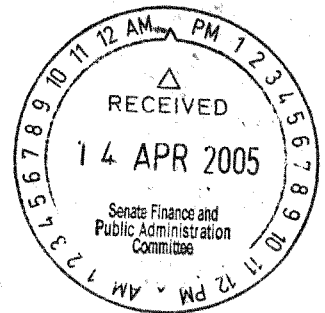
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## Noel Briggs

**From:** atsrac [atsrac@telstra.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 April 2005 7:05 AM  
**To:** Noel Briggs  
**Subject:** Dimbulah Town Water Issue & Dimbulah Caravan Park

**Importance:** High



Noel,

I am waiting on confirmation of my response to you on this issue, from the ATSRAC Chairman. As soon as this is received I will forward to you for today's meeting. In summary though, the most recent round of ATSRAC applications closed in January 2005 and the Committee is currently not accepting any further applications, with a view that remaining funds in the programme will be utilised to process the applications already held. Should this position change the Committee will decide as to the appropriate mechanism for seeking any additional applications.

regards

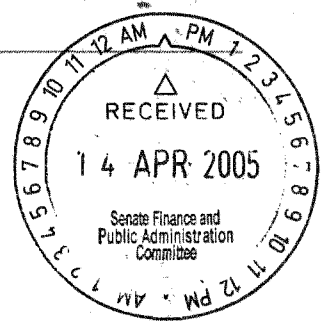
Michael Lawrence  
Executive Officer  
Atherton Tablelands Sustainable Regions Advisory Committee.

*unanimously*  
Council, agreed to send in a Submission/EOI for  
the WATER ISSUE IN DIMBULAH at MSC meeting 5/4/05.

*Gayle Jayne*

**Cr Gaye Taylor**

**From:** Cr Gaye Taylor  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 April 2005 12:43 PM  
**To:** Noel Briggs  
**Cc:** Mick Borzi  
**Subject:** Dimbulah Water Submission



Dear Noel,

With reference to the resolution passed at the last Mareeba Shire Council meeting on 5/4/05 to lodge a submission to ATSRAC on behalf of Dimbulah Residents regarding their town water supply, will Manager for Water Trevor Adil be contacted regarding an amount to do the whole job? The current estimate for the reservoir and pressure pump is \$460,000.00, however further upgrade is needed to include improving the quality of the water. Maybe a figure of one million dollars would be more appropriate?

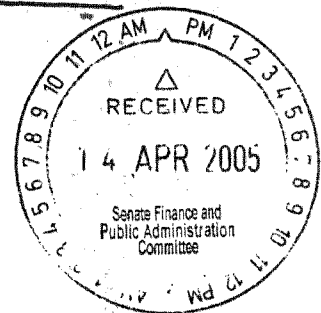
I also wish to make a comment regarding the letter dated 13/12/04 from Yvonne Tunney in reply to Kieran's inquiry regarding funding assistance for the Dimbulah Caravan Park (bunkhouses). Yvonne states "the project proposal at Dimbulah Caravan Park does not appear to meet these criteria and priority areas therefore I would suggest Mareeba Shire may wish to reconsider undertaking EOI development based on this feedback." I consider that this is poor advice from the ATSRAC EO, and in direct conflict with the fact that ATSRAC funded project #3 the Kalamunda Caravan Park for \$150,000.00 in July 2003, for exactly the same project. "The development of a backpacker/seasonal worker accommodation and eco-caravan park facility at Walkamin - centrally located for access to high demand areas of horticulture/agriculture industry. The enterprise will provide induction training, links to seasonal employment opportunities and transport services." Why is the Dimbulah Bunkhouses proposal any different?

Regards,  
Gaye Taylor.

For ER TAYLOR

**From:** Kieran Coyle  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 December 2004 4:10 PM  
**To:** Val Pead-Lewis  
**Subject:** FW: ATSRAC Funding Information Query  
 Val the email is to be attached to the bunkhouse report

thanks  
 Kieran



-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mareeba Shire Council  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2004 4:12 PM  
**To:** Kieran Coyle  
**Subject:** FW: ATSRAC Funding Information Query

-----Original Message-----

**From:** atsrac [mailto:atsrac@bigpond.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2004 3:06 PM  
**To:** research@mareebasc.qld.gov.au  
**Cc:** Mareeba Shire Council  
**Subject:** ATSRAC Funding Information Query

Dear Keiran

In relation to your telephone inquiry regarding funding assistance for the Dimbulah Caravan Park – (bunkhouses) I provide the following feedback and direction for Mareeba Shire to consider. During the October 30<sup>th</sup> 2004 ATSRAC meeting it was decided to refocus on the key program criteria, charter and to clearly seek projects which were of significant regional focus, featured significant whole of sector regional outcomes and generally displayed significant regional sustainability and viability.

1. One of the key Sustainable Regions Program Criteria set by Dept Transport & Regional Services states:-

*“The project does not compete directly with existing businesses, unless it can be shown that there is an unsatisfied demand for the product/service or the product/service can be provided in a new way.”*

Based on the brief details provided, the provision of bunkhouses does not indicate any differentiation which would diminish or negate the issue of competitive neutrality on a regional basis. I believe the project did not meet the Regional Partnerships Program criteria either – and as the SRP and RPP are under the same Dept – the same government criteria applies.

2. As indicated in the recent advertisement seeking new EOI's there has been a deliberate and focused shift away from encouragement of small, individual enterprise projects unless they can demonstrate 'significant regional outcomes for a 'whole of sector' eg: an industry sector such as horticulture, significant long term benefits regionally, demonstrate key regional partnerships and collaboration and generally meet the ATSRAC and SRP guidelines.



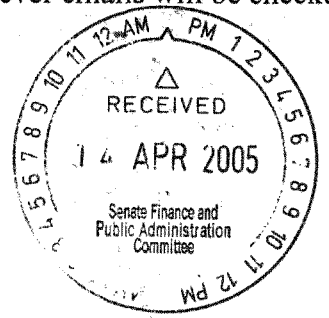
The information provided to me at this point - regarding the project proposal at Dimbulah Caravan Park does not appear to meet these criteria and priority areas therefore I would suggest Mareeba Shire may wish to reconsider undertaking EOI development based on this feedback. I would be happy to provide further information and clarification if required and also to meet and discuss the project further should council wish to pursue possible ATSRAC funding after reviewing this response.

*Note: See project my 3 at WAKAMIN \$150,000 July 2003 JJ*

Please note I am on leave from 14<sup>th</sup> December to 11<sup>th</sup> January however emails will be checked during this time.

Regards

Yvonne Tunney  
EO  
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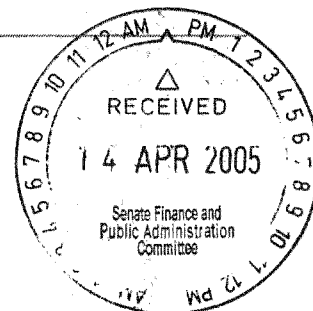
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**Cr Gaye Taylor**

**From:** Noel Briggs  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 March 2005 2:42 PM  
**To:** Cr Gaye Taylor  
**Subject:** RE: Dimbulah Water



**Gaye**

**Recent report to Council (conclusion).**

**Combined water funds report will be available for Budget discussions**

**Noel**

**CONCLUSION**

Dimbulah residents present at the meeting were concerned that the proposed augmentation project did not include significantly improving the quality as well as the delivery of reticulated water through the township. My assessment of the mood of the community is that there is an understanding of the need to improve the delivery of water throughout the reticulated area for both fire-fighting purposes and the general amenity of adequate delivery pressure. In the consultation process the issue of water quality emerged as one equally important to water supply capacity. It seemed to me that cost was an issue but that social equity across the shire was paramount to those attending the meeting. There was no suggestion that the project should not proceed. The prominence of the issue of poor water quality was unanticipated. Further investigations regarding alternate water supplies and the condition of the reticulation network are warranted if we are to address the community's wishes for improved water quality as well as adequate delivery pressure.

**Clearly, financing a combined augmentation and water quality improvement project is beyond the resources of the Dimbulah community. It is proposed further action in progressing the project be deferred until Council officers have prepared a report on the financial impact of combining the Water funds across the Shire.**

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Cr Gaye Taylor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 March 2005 1:22 PM  
**To:** Noel Briggs  
**Subject:** Dimbulah Water

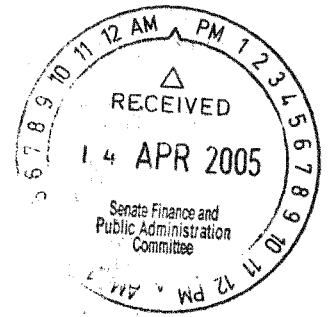
Dear CEO Mr. Noel Briggs,

Re the pitiful Dimbulah Water Supply/pressure, can you tell me if there has been any changes, or are we still at the stage where the State Government will put in 40% of the cost of the upgrade and Dimbulah residents will have to put in the remainder?

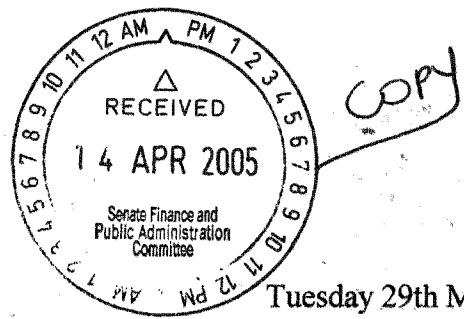
There are a lot of disgruntled residents here in Dimbulah re this issue, who feel the Public Meeting on the 16th February, was just a waste of everyone's time. Charles Khan asks when he might get the list

of Mareeba Shire Community Projects done by Council over the past 1-2 years which he requested at the Dimbulah Public Meeting.

Thanks Noel,  
Regards,  
Cr. Gaye Taylor.



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MAREEBA SHIRE COUNCIL,  
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Dear Noel Briggs,

Tuesday 29th March, 2005

**Re: Dimbulah Town Water Issue**

Following the public meeting at Dimbulah on Wednesday 16th February, 2005, when the upgrade of the Dimbulah Town Water Supply was discussed with Council, a group naming itself Dimbulah Reticulated Water Supply Action Group was formed. This group forwarded a submission to the Senate Committee Inquiry Regional Partnership Program dated 11th March, 2005, and a follow-up letter to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee on the 18th March, 2005.

Last Thursday morning on the 24th March, 2005 in Dimbulah, WIN Television, Senator Jan McLucas and Dimbulah residents came together for a TV interview on the current Dimbulah Water Problem which went to air that same evening at 6.00pm.

Senator Jan McLucas stated on the interview, quote "I can't see any money that's gone from ATSRAC into the Dimbulah region - quite rightly they've got a case."

Senator Jan McLucas asked the group off air, why a submission had not been put into ATSRAC? She advised it did meet the criteria and a submission should be put in as soon as possible. She added that Mareeba Shire Council would have to lodge the submission and stated that \$4 million of the original \$18 million ATSRAC funding was still available. Senator McLucas also invited the Dimbulah Reticulated Water Supply Action Group to attend the Senate Committee Inquiry in Cairns on the 13-14th April, 2005.

Noel, on behalf of Dimbulah residents is it possible for Council to lodge this submission as soon as possible? The group also discussed with Senator McLucas, funding from ATSRAC regarding the long discussed building of Bunkhouses at the Dimbulah Caravan Park. The Senator advised, that also came within ATSRAC criteria guide-lines, as funding for a similar project had recently been given to Walkamin. Can Council also consider a submission for funding for the Bunkhouses proposal?

On behalf of Dimbulah residents and the Dimbulah Reticulated Water Supply Action Group, I await your reply.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gaye Taylor', written over a dotted line.

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