

The Committee,
with respect to the proposed dam at Rocky Cutting at Eungella I wish to lodge an objection. Apart from the damage to the wild life corridor and the impact on the koala and platypus colonies that reside here, not to mention Federal protection orders of endangered plant life there is no consideration given to the people who are currently living in this area. I live at 983 Tyalgum Road Eungella which is right at the Cutting and we are being left with disruption and uncertainty in what should be the twilight of our life. There has been no consideration shown for any residents in the area who may be trying to sell their properties due to failing health of other reasons. We have already heard from neighbours in the Tyalgum district of lost contract of property sales due to the proposed dam. No one has had the courtesy to approach any of us to see if we would even be willing to sell if the price offered was enough to relocate to another area of the shire.

Another reason for objecting is that the Queensland Government is doing nothing to ease their water crisis. I do understand the plight of the people who live in Brisbane. My daughter who is disabled due to Multiple Sclerosis has 2 inch cracks in the front of her yard. Only last week while travelling up to Brisbane to see her I again noticed the number of new dwelling that are being erected, with no obvious water tanks in sight. There has been no infrastructure being built to provide provision for all the housing etc boom that has occurred in Queensland.

I am not against sharing water but let us be sensible about it Tweed Shire Council has made provision for added water reserves by putting in the infrastructure to raise the wall at the Clarrie Hall Dam and also by purchasing property for a future dam at Byrrel Creek. The Rocky Cutting area data that the water commission is looking at is over 30 years old and while the contours are still there there has been a wide population expansion of properties now being inhabited by Residents.

The cost factor of paying for resumption of properties will be much greater than first envisaged as new roads etc will need to be provided. What about the environmental impact of green house emissions due to the extra mileage locals will need to travel to access shops and medical services etc.? Thank you for your consideration Gisela and Colin Somerville 983 Tyalgum Road Eungella NSW 2484 Ph 02 6679 3388