

# **REPORT ON PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE COBAKI LAKES CONCEPT PLAN**

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The exhibition of the Environmental Assessment was advertised in local print media by the NSW Department of Planning in December 2008. Leda Manorstead carried out the following consultation activities during December 2008 and January and February 2009.

1. Leda Manorstead held a media briefing on 19 December 2008. The following media outlets were invited:
  - Tweed Daily News
  - Gold Coast Bulletin
  - Gold Coast Sun
  - Prime Television
  - NBN Television
  - Hot Tomato Radio
  - Capital Radio

Journalists from the Gold Coast Bulletin and the Tweed Daily News attended and the public exhibition was reported in subsequent editions of these newspapers. No subsequent enquiries from any media were received.

2. Leda Manorstead wrote to the following advising of the public exhibition and inviting enquiries:
  - Southern Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce
  - Tweed Heads Chamber of Commerce
  - Caldera Environment Centre
  - Tweed Heads Environment Group Inc
  - Tweed Valley Wildlife Carers Inc
  - Tweed Landcare Inc
  - Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club
  - Tweed District Residents and Ratepayers Association
  - Piggabeen-Cobaki Progress Association
  - Lions Club of Coolangatta and Tweed Heads
  - Lions Club of Terranora
  - Rotary Club of Coolangatta – Tweed Heads

In addition, Leda Manorstead hand delivered the same letter to approximately 50 properties adjacent to, and in the general area of, Cobaki Lakes.

3. In January 2009 Leda Manorstead advertised the public exhibition of the Concept Plan in the Tweed Daily News, Gold Coast Bulletin, Tweed Sun, Gold Coast Sun and Tweed Link, inviting enquiry. The following responses were received by Leda Manorstead:
  - Correspondence from one contracting firm offering its services, to which Leda Manorstead replied.
  - One email from a member of the public.
  - Requests from the following organisations to address their members:
    - Coolangatta Tweed Lions Club: The invitation was subsequently withdrawn.
    - Tweed District Residents and Ratepayers Association: Addressed on 27 February 2009, and three (3) people attended, on behalf also of Tweed Heads Environment Group Inc. The discussion covered a wide range of issues and explanations were provided by Leda Manorstead. No further requirements arose from this meeting.
    - Piggabeen-Cobaki Residents Association: Addressed during February 2009 with approximately 30 people attending. Leda Manorstead provided a full explanation of the proposal and answered questions. Again, no particular further requirements arose from this presentation.
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On each of the above two occasions an invitation was extended to those present to make further enquiries at any time. No enquiries were received.

4. Leda Manorstead also hosted a tour of the Cobaki Lakes site for Tweed Shire Councillors and senior Officers. Leda Manorstead later received telephone enquiries in relation to the project from one Councillor. In addition, Leda Manorstead addressed Council's Community Access Forum, attended by members of the public, on two occasions. An invitation to seek any additional information was extended, but no response was received.