



Mr Troy Green
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Dear Mr Green

Reference is made to Council's planning proposal seeking to prohibit water bottling facilities in the RU2 Rural Landscape zone in Tweed Shire, PP_2019_TWEED_002_00.

A review of the Department's assessment report has confirmed that statements such as "*The Chief Scientist commented that councils should not determine any extraction proposals until the review is complete*" were made by another party and have been incorrectly attributed to the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer.

I wish to apologise for any confusion that this matter.

I have written to the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer advising them of this and have arranged for this advice to be placed on the Department's public LEPs Online system.

Prior to finalising the proposal, and in accordance with the Gateway determination issued on 13 May 2019, please ensure that the findings by the Office of the Chief Scientist & Engineer from its review of the impacts of the bottled water industry on groundwater resources in the Northern Rivers region of NSW when released are fully considered.

If you have any more questions, please contact Jeremy Gray, Director, Northern Region, at the Department on 6643 6402.

Yours sincerely

28/10/2019
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