

I am against the proposed variation to allow treated effluent to be pump directly into coastal creeks and ocean beaches. The reasons I am against this is because treated effluent is not the equivalent of clean water and contains viruses, micro bacteria, and trace elements of legal and illegal drugs. People who are required to work with treated effluent and in waste water treatment facilities are required to have Hepatitis and Typhoid vaccinations as a precautionary measure in case other control measures fail and they are exposed to hazardous effluent. Exposing the general population to these types of hazards particularly developing children and people with underlying health issue could cause debilitating life long illnesses or have potentially fatal outcomes. Although I believe public health is the most serious issue to consider the council and State Government will need to address the potential environmental and financial impact if they approve this amendment. As the proposed outfall is near National Park and a new beach side housing development, which will be adversely affected over time, with the ongoing costs for clean up and management of the waste water problem potentially being astronomical for the State and local council.