

Date: 5 Dec 2018

To: Thelma Marr, Acting Environmental Health Unit Manager, Shoalhaven City Council

Dear Thelma,

I trust this e-mail finds you well... thank you for your e-mail reply and comments therein, all noted. However, the map of sampling locations provided with your e-mail dated 3rd December 2018 depicts E-40 in the 'historical' location between the sou'eastern tip of "Deepwater" and Aney Street Boat Ramp and is not the 'present' location depicted on Council's AquaData website as viewed this morning at 8.20am. The 'present' location for E-40 is now on the nor'western tip of "Deepwater" on the navigation channel side - some 60 metres away from its 'historical' location, and reflects the very location a water sample was taken by a Council Officer last Wednesday morning 28th November 2018, before the onset of heavy rain throughout the day.

Importantly, the Conjola Community Association (Conjola CCB) is experienced with water sampling/testing protocols and the importance of a consistent data collection point for statistically reliable information that can be used as input to analysing and drawing conclusions with any degree of confidence. Relocating a data collection point (E-40 in this instance) compromises the historical background data collected at that source. Moreover, the 'historical' location of E-40 allowed for assessment of the water quality (albeit on two pollutant measurements only) at either end of the drainage easement and creek connected to E-748 at Pattimores Lagoon - these being the two sampling locations that yielded readings in October 2018 of concern to the Conjola CCB and subsequently flagged to Council in correspondence dated 23rd October 2018.

Unfortunately, the 'present' location of E-40 will in all likelihood prevent further assessment of water quality between these sampling locations at a time critical to monitoring the 'receptor' that is Pattimores Lagoon (E2W Third Annual Ground Water Monitoring Report 2012) during a period of entrance closure.

In light of this, the Community's concerns with the location change of E-40 remain largely unanswered.

As such, your further advice on why and for what purpose Council has relocated E-40 is respectfully sought. Thanking you in advance.

Regards,

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Vice President, Conjola Community Association