

Cudgen plan rejected

PLANS for a Coles shopping centre on farmland at Cudgen yesterday received a major setback.

Tweed Shire Council's administrators rejected a rezoning application from a company with ties to Coles supermarkets and one of the previous land owners who include former Mayor Lynne Beck.

The Kingscliff Land Company, which in 2004 paid \$9.5 million for a Cudgen Heights property formerly owned by Mrs Beck's mother, had sought the rezoning of about 48 hectares west Kingscliff TAFE.

The administrators refused to agree because the NSW government has classified the area as "state significant" farmland.

Spokesperson for several Tweed Coast community groups Jeremy Cornford warned any appeal to the government would be bitterly fought. He suggested election of a Liberal/National Party government last weekend might have given the company "more hope" of success.

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