

# LETTERS

TWEED SUN 21.12.06

## Wallum frogs not only problem

FRED Crooks' letter (*Sun*, December 14) mentions frogs in connection with Gales Holdings' problems.

I would like to correct some possibility of misunderstanding of our problems with council, as there are two separate problems.

One concerns the major centre at the Chinderah roundabout involving the future of thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars.

There is no ecological problem there, but council insists there will never be a centre, despite a proper survey showing approval by over 85 per cent of respondents, with majorities in all districts.

The other problem is council's third blocking of a supermarket near Kingscliff beach.

Court cases concerning rejection of two further applications since 2003 have been concerned about ecology as well, including what we consider unnecessary species impact studies on

wallum frogs, which seem to turn up everywhere, and a small dying colony of snails.

Previously the wallum sedge frogs council insisted were present on our land were never found.

We estimate at least \$2 million has been spent so far, including at least \$210,000 of ratepayers' funds by council, in the effort to save the frogs, their case hinging on the possibility that there are two distinct populations since Turnock Street was built, with no prospect of communication, and both must be preserved.

Their ability to climb the banks and reach the road surface, has been proven.

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## Hopping mad **DN** 21.12.06 about frogs

RE the letter from Fred Crooks (DN 14/12) mentioning Gales' problems with the Wallum froglet, I would like to correct any misunderstanding of our problems with Tweed Shire Council.

One problem concerns the proposed major centre at the Chinderah roundabout involving future thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars.

There is no ecological problem there, but council insists there will never be a centre.

The other problem is TSC's blocking of a supermarket near Kingscliff beach. Our first effort, starting in 1978 with unanimous support, was rejected because of possible flooding.

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