

Council and Gales Holdings

TWEED Shire Council administrators have decided to reply via letters to the editor re the accusations

being made by Gales Holdings in an email sent to media outlets regarding "possible corruption" in the Council.

Recently, Tweed Shire Council won a court case instigated by Gales Holdings.

There was no argument by Gales against Tweed Shire Council being awarded costs.

Council administrators have decided to confirm that there will be no district shopping centre on the Tweed Coast although neighbourhood shopping centres will be permitted.

Gales Holdings' former sewage treatment plant site at Chinderah has been rezoned for industrial purposes and identified as a prime site for bulky goods retailing which is permissible under an industrial zoning.

Tweed Shire Council suggested and offered to pay for mediation between the two parties conducted by lawyer and urban town planner Mr John Mant. Despite being party to the mediation, Gales Holdings' latest accusations are a clear breach, given that the mediation report has yet to be received.

During the Tweed Shire Council Public Inquiry access to all Council files was made freely available to Professor Daly and his representatives.

Allegations of improper conduct and possible corrupt conduct against Tweed Shire Council have

been made over a number of years by Gales Holdings.

Dr Stephen Segal, representing Gales Holdings, appeared before Commissioner Maurice Daly in the recently concluded Public Inquiry into Tweed Shire Council.

Gales Holdings also made two written submissions totalling 135 pages to the Inquiry.

Despite this, there has been no adverse finding by Professor Daly in relation to the allegations by Gales Holdings.

Because of this week's continuing allegation against the Tweed Shire Council, the council is forwarding all relevant information to the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).
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