



**THE BUTTERY**  
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**Dear Councillor**  
**Byron Shire Council**

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*Paul*

**Request of Connection to Mains Sewer**

The Buttery is a not for profit charitable organisation which has operated its residential drug and alcohol treatment program at 346 Lismore Road, Binna Burra since 1973. Since this time The Buttery has expanded its much needed treatment and counselling programs throughout the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast and sees over 2000 individuals and children every year.

The Binna Burra site was generously donated to The Buttery many years ago by the Arch Diocese of Grafton to continue our essential work in the area.

Most recently the Buttery has changed management at both a Board and executive staff level and great effort and resources have been spent in obtaining the best possible advice to ensure all legislative compliance is adhered to and our obligations are met.

To this end we have upgraded fire safety systems and have conducted a comprehensive assessment of our infrastructure needs. Preliminary investigations of our onsite sewerage management system (OMS) strongly indicate that we are out of options to either upgrade or replace our OMS. Attached is a report from local environmental engineering firm Greg Alderson & Associates which summarises that the Binna Burra property cannot accommodate a suitable upgrade to the OSM due to lack of suitable vacant land.

We now write to request your support for our proposed application to connect The Buttery site to the reticulated sewer system servicing Bangalow to provide a long term solution to the issues relating to our aging OMS. Without the connection, the only options available to us will be short term and temporary in nature which will restrict our options when making strategic operational decisions in relation to the delivery of our residential rehab services from our current site. In reality it may mean moving from the Byron Shire or closing our operations all together.

It is our intention to submit a comprehensive proposal to the Building and Development Services department in relation to a proposed connection to the reticulated sewer mains in Bangalow. Your in principal support will go a long way in enabling us to continue to deliver our important treatment and counselling services from our iconic Buttery site in Binna Burra.

I would be very happy for you to contact me on 0428969069 if you would like to meet in person to discuss our proposal in more detail so we can save jobs and ultimately save lives.

Yours faithfully,  
**THE BUTTERY**

Leone Crayden  
**Chief Executive Officer**