

Dear Sir/Madam

We object most strongly to any delay in the implementation of the sewerage scheme for the townships of Nyora, Loch and Poowong.

As 30 year residents of Nyora we have waited patiently while other towns in the district have been sewerred.

When we built a new home in the centre of town 10 years ago it was mandated that we install a waste water treatment plant on our block, to treat and dispose of all waste water. We complied with this, at a cost of \$8000, but have been horrified to see neighbours extend their homes while making no provision for waste water management. They are using extremely old and poorly maintained septic systems, with the result that raw sewage runs in the gutters past our house.

The stench is often unbearable and the health risks obvious. It is embarrassing when visitors from Melbourne and overseas ask what the smell is. They are amazed that a town only 100km from a capital city is not sewerred.

This is an indictment on the local government, waste water authorities, and the Environmental Protection Agency who have clearly failed to monitor and report on a major health issue. (The EPA have apparently only tested in 2001 and 2004).

Our town must be sewerred as a matter of urgency. Provision for this scheme must be put into the Capital Works Budget for the next 5 years.

We await your response

Yours sincerely

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