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Minister for Local Government, Planning and Sport



Thank you for providing me with a copy of the wording of petition no. 767-07 regarding an application to amend a development approval for a soil conditioner manufacturing business located at 262 Chevallum Road, Palmwoods.

Officers of the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation have contacted Maroochy Shire Council regarding the concerns expressed in the petition. Council officers advise the Environmental Protection Agency received a request to change the conditions of the existing licence for the manufacturing business. Council believes the requested changes to the licence conflict with an existing development approval. Therefore, Council has advised the applicant a new development application is required before the request to change the licence can be considered.

The regulation of development and assessment of individual development applications in the Maroochy Shire is primarily a Maroochy Shire Council responsibility. I recommend any concerned residents liaise directly with Council in relation to their concerns about this project. If an application is lodged with Council, the application will be publicly notified and any person may lodge a submission in response to the public notification of the proposal.

Ministerial call-in powers are reserve powers and decisions on their use are not taken lightly. In light of the information provided, at this stage the exercise of the reserve power is not warranted in this instance.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**ANDREW FRASER**