

Media Release

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Tweed Shire Council calls for moratorium on coal seam gas exploration in Tweed Shire

Tweed Shire Council tonight voted UNANIMOUSLY to call for a moratorium on coal seam gas exploration in the Tweed Shire.

Councillors also voted to write to local state and federal MPs seeking their support.

They further resolved to write to the state government stating their opposition to the application being currently considered (PELA134).

This decision was welcomed by Michael McNamara from the Northern Rivers Guardians.

"We are delighted that the Councillors have decided to stand with their community in defence of the quality of life, water and the environment in the Tweed" he said.

"We invite Councillors to join with the community on 14 May at a gathering in Murwillumbah to send a very strong message to the state government that the community is prepared to stand up and be counted in defence of the Tweed".

Mr McNamara encouraged concerned community members to visit the Northern Rivers Guardians website at <u>www.northernriversguardians.org</u> for more information.

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