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Mr Graham Walker, the managing director of Combined Development Group recently lodged a development application with Tamworth Regional Council to develop Windmill Downs residential estate within the Hills Plain Development Area.

The DA proposes the development of a rural residential subdivision comprising lots varying in area from 2000m² up to 1 hectare, in line with the Council guidelines.

The estate incorporates several environmental initiatives designed to save water and drought-proof the property. Two initiatives in particular – the Peter Andrews' Natural Sequence Farming principles, combined with Biolytix wastewater technology will demonstrate best practice water recycling in rural housing.



Tamworth Council Director of Planning Alison McGaffin receives the DA documents from CDG managing director, Graham Walker

Mr Walker observed, “We set an ambitious target to save water and drought-proof the property. Our engineering submission demonstrates that this is achievable, indeed the estate when fully occupied will save the equivalent of 98 Olympic sized pools of water annually.”

“The environmentally water sensitive design developed on Windmill Downs is in direct response to the challenges facing Tamworth and many regional communities. Many regional centres are facing the prospect of continuing water shortages while endeavouring to see their communities grow and prosper.”

“Rural communities are generally supportive of development and growth but are also concerned about the impacts on water supply and other resources,” he noted. “Regulators and Councils need to recognise that the technology exists today to meet these very challenges. This technology will greatly reduce the demand on resources and also have a positive impact in restoring the environment, especially increasing biodiversity and reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” he said.

“The internationally recognised water treatment system, Biolytix has been incorporated into Windmill Downs because it is proven technology and it allows all household treated wastewater to nurture the biodiversity, which is so essential to the recovery of the landscape” he said.

“The challenges of the Australian landscape require new ways, new technologies and new thinking. The Windmill Downs DA provides Tamworth Council the opportunity to lead the way in creating a more sustainable and prosperous future for the people of Tamworth” he said.

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