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**From:** Betty Leland  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10:53 AM  
**To:** Commissioner Correspondence  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032  
**Attachments:** Septic - Palm Island; Docket #20240032

Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20240032.

Thanks.

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**From:** Sharon\_saad <sharon\_saad@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10:37 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Septic - Palm Island

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We have personally and professionally known Jack, Diane, and all the Boyer children in our 20+ years on Palm Island, we support treated wastewater and commend their continued efforts to improve the island like they always have.

### **Environmental Considerations**

In our opinion, there is nothing more disgustingly irresponsible than to continually flush millions of gallons of human sewer waste into poorly maintained, uncertified, and decades old septic drain fields. Simply put, there is nothing more environmentally destructive island residents, renters, and owners can do to the water quality of our bays, canals, and subsoils of our lots and beaches.

### **Increasing Volumes**

Time is of the essence for island sewer, the number of full-time residents and visitors to our island(s) has greatly increased over the last 5+ years, probably doubled; meaning the human waste volumes have doubled over historic levels. The environmental impacts of the dramatic increase in sewer volumes should be addressed, the impacts of raw sewer being dumped into islands groundwater system should not be ignored any longer.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Lisa Simmons <lisabsimmons@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2024 9:59 AM  
**To:** Office of Commissioner Graham  
**Subject:** Docket #20240032

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Dear Commissioner Graham,

Here we are again! This is the second attempt by EU to provide a sewer system on Little Gasparilla Island and again I am writing this email to formally request that the PSC deny the EU's application for wastewater service on Little Gasparilla Island. I have owned a vacation home on the island since 1996. My children and family have enjoyed the tranquility of this island for many years. I intend to leave this little piece of paradise to my children when I die. After reviewing the expected costs of putting in a wastewater system on the island, I realize that I will not be able to maintain the home I love so much. The costs are prohibitive for me as I am sure it will force many others to sell their places too. The proposed costs far exceed any other wastewater service in the state, and I find that totally unacceptable and unfair. The costs are not equitable to what other people are paying for the same services across the county and state. In addition, the need for a generator as a backup and installation of an additional electrical panel are ridiculous. The standing water caused by tropical storms last Fall and the electrical outages we often experience would not bode well with the system Mr. Boyer is proposing. Most homes on LGI are vacation homes and are unoccupied most of the time. There would be no one there to turn on a generator to run a sump pump for the sewer system. I suggest that the septic tanks be inspected, and ones found to be deficient be repaired or replaced. There is no reason to force this sewer system on us. I also have concerns about the environmental impact this project would have. We have gopher tortoises that have already been affected by the floods we have had in the past year and now would be disturbed by a project of this magnitude. We also have a pair of nesting bald eagles on the north end of LGI. If they are disturbed too much, they will leave the nest and find another home. If there were eaglets in the nest at that time, they would die. Please, I ask you to put yourself in my place and make the right decision for the residents of Palm Island and Little Gasparilla Island. It is truly heartbreaking for me to think about being forced to sell my place because of the exorbitant and unrealistic expense that would be imposed on me. Please vote no!!!

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