

**Modification of Approval Granted under Section 115BA of the
Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 to Enable
Provision of a Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park**

I, the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, after:

1. examining and considering various matters including:
 - (i) the environmental impact of the proposed modification under Section 111 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*;
 - (ii) the *Review of Environmental Factors – Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park*, August 2003 (the REF);
 - (iii) representations made in respect to the exhibition of the REF;
 - (iv) the *Priority Sewerage Program – Representations Report for a Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park*, October 2003;
 - (v) the Director-General's Report, March 2004; and
2. consulting and considering the matters raised by the Minister for Energy and Utilities, and pursuant to Section 115BA(6) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, modify the approval referred to in Schedule 1 in the manner set out in Schedule 2. The reasons for the imposition of these conditions are set out in the Director-General's report.

Craig Knowles MP
Minister for Infrastructure and Planning
Minister for Natural Resources

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2004

SCHEDULE 1:

Approval granted by the then Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning on 23 July 2001 to the Sydney Water Corporation for the Oaks, Oakdale and Belimbla Park Sewerage Scheme.

SCHEDULE 2:

The approval is modified as follows:

- (a) in **Condition 1**, delete condition and replace with the following:
- “1. The Project shall be carried out in accordance with:
- the proposal contained in the environmental impact statement (EIS), The Oaks, Oakdale & Belimbla Park Priority Sewerage Program prepared for the Sydney Water Corporation (SWC) by CH2MHILL Australia, dated September, 1999 as modified by the Review of Environmental Factors – Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park, dated August 2003 and the Representations Report for a Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park, dated October 2003;
 - all identified plans, safeguards and mitigation measures presented in the Representations Report prepared by SWC, dated August 2000 (including all measures outlined in Table 6.1) as modified by the Review of Environmental Factors – Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park, dated August 2003 and the Representations Report for a Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park, dated October 2003;
 - The Oaks, Oakdale & Belimbla Park Sewerage Scheme Director General's Report dated June 2001 as amended by The Oaks, Oakdale and Belimbla Park Sewerage Scheme – Proposed Modification – Low Pressure System at Belimbla Park Director General's Report dated January 2004; and
 - the conditions of approval granted by the Minister.”
- (b) in **Condition 2**, after “Representations Report,” insert “Review of Environmental Factors – Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park and/or the Representations Report for a Low Pressure Sewerage System at Belimbla Park,”.
- (c) in **Condition 28(g)**, after “detailed contingency procedures” insert “prepared in consultation with relevant energy providers” and after “power failures” insert “including, in Belimbla Park, protocols designed to avoid overflows at households and to provide emergency responses in the event of long term power outages;”.
- (d) in **Condition 30** after “reflect the predictions.” insert “Where relevant, data from other SWC schemes in regard to low pressure energy use shall be detailed for comparative purposes.” and insert in second paragraph after “any issues of concern raised.” the following “The Report shall include, for Belimbla Park, an overview of fault frequency experienced, fault response achieved, maintenance problems not within the normal expectations or experience of LPSS technology and how these problems were addressed.”
- (e) in **Condition 34** after “frequency of overflows” insert “and to ensure adequate response to rectify collection tank and grinder pump faults at households”.

(f) insert as new **Condition 78** the following words:

“78. During the detailed design process for the Chemical Dosing Facility at Gundungurra Park the Proponent must consult with Wollondilly Shire Council, WorkCover and surrounding residents and ensure that:

- (a) the visual impacts of the facility are minimised including consideration of use of existing trees in the Park and/or additional landscaping to screen the facility;
- (b) the need to enclose the facility in a fenced enclosure is determined in consultation with WorkCover and Wollondilly Shire Council;
- (c) the ferric chloride shall be stored and handled according to the requirements/recommendations of WorkCover and relevant Australian Standards; and
- (d) native vegetation identified as Shale Sandstone Transition Forest in the Park is not disturbed during construction and other vegetation clearing is minimised.”

(g) insert as new **Condition 79** the following words:

“79. As part of the EMP (Operation Stage) the Proponent shall develop a focussed Information and Education Program including a Homeowner’s Manual. The Manual must detail how the low pressure system works, the responsibilities of the householder and how to contact SWC for maintenance or in case of an emergency. The Manual must also be tailored to individual householder needs such as for people who are hearing impaired. The Manual shall be provided to householders at the time of connecting to the scheme and methods established to make the manual available where house ownership or tenure are transferred.”