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Dear Mr Heath,

Comments on the EIS - Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre Project (SSI-8609189)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback from the Western Sydney Planning Partnership (the Partnership) on the Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre Project (SSI-8609189).

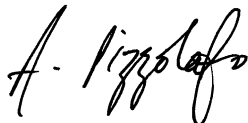
It is noted that the site comprises approximately 78 ha of land in the Kemps Creek non-initial precinct of the Aerotropolis, bounded by Wianamatta-South Creek to the west, Kemps Creek to the northeast and the proposed M12 Motorway to the south.

It is understood the application comprises a new Advanced Water Recycling Centre (AWRC) to collect and treat commercial and domestic wastewater from across Western Sydney.

The Partnership is generally supportive of the application, however issues that should be considered in assessment are outlined in this letter.

I trust this information has been of assistance. If you have any more questions, please contact Kye Sanderson, Senior Planning Officer, Planning Partnership Office on 9860 6180 or via email at kye.sanderson@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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COMMENTS

Strategic Planning Context

The subject site is located in the Kemps Creek Precinct of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, being a non-initial precinct which has not been the subject of detailed precinct planning investigations and rezoning. The site is identified as generally suitable for future employment uses in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan (WSAP).

Application assessed against the Western Sydney Aerotropolis State Environmental Planning Policy (Aerotropolis SEPP)

As the land is outside of the initial precincts of the Aerotropolis which were subject to rezoning in September 2020, the underlying Penrith LEP land use zonings continue to apply to the site. However, certain provisions of the State Environmental Planning Policy - Western Sydney Aerotropolis 2020 (Aerotropolis SEPP) do apply to the site. The Aerotropolis SEPP applies to the site for the purpose of aligning the strategic objectives and Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan to the site along with airport safeguarding provisions.

Part 3 Development controls—Airport safeguards

A key planning objective for the Aerotropolis is to safeguard the 24-hour operations of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport. The site wholly within the 8 km wildlife buffer zone on the Wildlife Buffer Zone Map of the Aerotropolis SEPP and careful consideration must be given to any proposed vegetation or landscaping to minimise wildlife attraction as per Clause 21 of Part 3 of the Aerotropolis SEPP. It is noted that in accordance with the issued SEARs the proponent has prepared an Aviation Safeguarding assessment.

Since those SEARs were issued however, additional guidance has been prepared in the form of the draft Aviation Safeguarding Guidelines - Western Sydney Aerotropolis and surrounding areas (linked below). As the assessment progresses, it is recommended that specific consideration be given to these guidelines prior to the determination of the application.

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Guidelines/Aviation-Safeguarding-Guidelines---Western-Sydney-Aerotropolis-and-surrounding-areas-updated.pdf?la=en>

Application assessed against the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Plan (WSAP)

The WSAP establishes a vision, objectives and principles for the development of the Aerotropolis. The Kemps Creek precinct is generally identified for suitable for employment uses (subject to future detailed precinct planning and rezoning) that incorporate an interface with the Wianamatta-South Creek catchment. Page 78 of the WSAP outlines the key considerations, strategic outcomes and implementation strategies for the Kemps Creek Precinct.

Generally, the proposed development is consistent with these, in particular the key consideration to deliver water and wastewater infrastructure and to enable the Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre to be delivered by Sydney Water.

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