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RE: SSD-67895459 at 106 and 120-122 Smith Street and 3A Charlotte Street, Wollongong

Thank you for notifying Sydney Water of SSD-67895459 at 106 and 120-122 Smith Street and 3A Charlotte Street, Wollongong, which proposes construction of two residential apartment blocks containing 145 residential units, ground floor residential lobbies and commercial spaces, two levels of on grade car parking, a pedestrian link, communal open space, site landscaping and extension/augmentation of services as required. The development has a proposed GFA of 14,768m². Sydney Water has reviewed the application based on the information supplied and provide the following comments to assist in understanding the servicing needs of the proposed development.

Background

Sydney Water understands a Planning Proposal was lodged concurrently with Wollongong Council to facilitate future development at 106 and 120-122 Smith Street and 3A Charlotte Street, Wollongong. The Planning Proposal includes the land subject to SSD-67895459, however it is noted that SSD-67895459 is to inform the reference scheme for the Planning Proposal.

The future development proposed to the west of the SSD site may facilitate up to 313 dwellings. Sydney Water provided a response to the Scoping Proposal on 17 May (enclosed) and reiterates that a **Feasibility application should be lodged for the Planning Proposal** to enable a comprehensive servicing review, ensuring the proposed development is considered in any potential planning that we might be undertaking.

Land to the west of the SSD site is subject to the Planning Proposal and future development applications and does not form part of the site for the purposes of the proposed development under this SSDA. However, the impact of the cumulative growth impact does need to be understood.

Water and Wastewater Servicing

- Our preliminary assessment indicates that water and wastewater servicing should be available for the proposed development.
- Amplifications, adjustments, deviations and/or minor extensions may be required.
- Detailed requirements will be provided at the S73 application stage.

Growth information

Sydney Water supports government-backed growth initiatives within our area of operations, striving to provide timely and cost-effective water and wastewater infrastructure without undue

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impacts. To offer robust servicing advice and investigate staged servicing possibilities, we require **anticipated ultimate and annual growth data** for this development as outlined in the enclosed Growth Data Form.

Next steps

- Should DPHI decide to progress with the subject development application, Sydney Water would require the following conditions be included in the development consent. Further details of the conditions can be found in **Attachment 1**.
 - Section 73 Compliance Certificate
 - Building Plan Approval
- **The proponent is advised to lodge a Feasibility application for their Planning Proposal/future proposed development to the west of the SSD site.**
- The proponent should complete and return the enclosed Growth Data Form as part of their application. The Growth Data Form should be updated promptly with Sydney Water in case of changes or every six months.
- The proponent should be advised that failure to provide a detailed growth breakdown and/or complete the feasibility process may significantly slow down the overarching planning and approvals processes for the wider development.
- DPHI is advised to forward the enclosed *Sydney Water Development Application Information Sheet (for proponent)* to assist the proponent in progressing their development. This Info Sheet contains details on how to make further applications to Sydney Water and provides more information on Infrastructure Contributions.

This advice is not formal approval of our servicing requirements. Detailed requirements, including any potential extensions or amplifications, will be provided once the development is referred to Sydney Water for a Section 73 application. More information about the Section 73 application process is available on our web page in the [Land Development Manual](#).

DPHI can read further advice on requirements for this proposal in Attachments 1 and 2. If the proponent has any questions, they should contact their Sydney Water case manager once a Section 73 application is lodged. Should DPHI require further information, please contact the Growth Planning Team at urbangrowth@sydneywater.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosed:

- Sydney Water Development Application Information Sheet (for proponent)
- Sydney Water Growth Data Form
- Sydney Water response to Scoping Proposal dated 10/05/24

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Attachment 1 – Recommended Development Conditions

Prior to the issue of an Occupation/Subdivision Certificate:

Section 73 Compliance Certificate

A compliance certificate must be obtained from Sydney Water, under Section 73 of the Sydney Water Act 1994. Our assessment will determine the availability of water and wastewater services, which may require extensions, adjustments, or connections to our mains. Make an early application for the certificate, as there may be assets to be built and this can take some time. A Section 73 Compliance Certificate must be obtained before an Occupation or Subdivision Certificate will be issued.

Applications can be made either directly to Sydney Water or through a Sydney Water accredited Water Servicing Coordinator.

Go to the Sydney Water website or call 1300 082 746 to learn more about applying through an authorised WSC or Sydney Water.

Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate/Complying Development Certificate:

Building Plan Approval (including Tree Planting Guidelines)

The plans must be approved by Sydney Water prior to demolition, excavation or construction works commencing. This allows Sydney Water to determine if sewer, water or stormwater mains or easements will be affected by any part of your development. Any amendments to plans will require re-approval. Please go to [Sydney Water Tap in®](#) to apply.

Sydney Water recommends developers apply for a Building Plan Approval early as to reduce unnecessary delays to further referrals or development timescales.

Tree Planting

Certain tree species placed in proximity to Sydney Water's underground assets have the potential to inflict damage through invasive root penetration and soil destabilisation. Section 46 of the Sydney Water Act specifies what might occur when there is interference or damage to our assets caused by trees.

For any trees proposed or planted that may cause destruction of, damage to or interference with our work and are in breach of the Sydney Water Act 1994, Sydney Water may issue an order to remove that tree or directly remove it and seek recovery for all loss and associated compensation for the removal.

For guidance on types of trees that can cause damage or interference with our assets see Sydney Water webpage Wastewater blockages. For guidance on how to plant trees near our assets, see Diagram 5 – Planting Trees within Sydney Water's [Technical guidelines – Building over and adjacent to pipe assets](#).

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Attachment 2 – Sydney Water Requirements for Commercial and Industrial Developments (for proponent's information)

Trade Wastewater Requirements

If this development is going to generate trade wastewater, the property owner must submit an application requesting permission to discharge trade wastewater to Sydney Water's sewerage system. You must obtain Sydney Water approval for this permit before any business activities can commence. It is illegal to discharge Trade Wastewater into the Sydney Water sewerage system without permission.

The permit application should be emailed to Sydney Water's Business Customer Services at businesscustomers@sydneywater.com.au

A Boundary Trap is required for all developments that discharge trade wastewater where arrestors and special units are installed for trade wastewater pre-treatment.

If the property development is for Industrial operations, the wastewater may discharge into a sewerage area that is subject to wastewater reuse. Find out from Business Customer Services if this is applicable to your development.

Backflow Prevention Requirements

Backflow is when there is unintentional flow of water in the wrong direction from a potentially polluted source into the drinking water supply.

All properties connected to Sydney Water's supply must install a testable Backflow Prevention Containment Device appropriate to the property's hazard rating. Property with a high or medium hazard rating must have the backflow prevention containment device tested annually. Properties identified as having a low hazard rating must install a non-testable device, as a minimum.

Separate hydrant and sprinkler fire services on non-residential properties, require the installation of a testable double check detector assembly. The device is to be located at the boundary of the property.

Before you install a backflow prevention device:

1. Get your hydraulic consultant or plumber to check the available water pressure versus the property's required pressure and flow requirements.
2. Conduct a site assessment to confirm the hazard rating of the property and its services. Contact PIAS at NSW Fair Trading on 1300 889 099.

For installation you will need to engage a licensed plumber with backflow accreditation who can be found on the Sydney Water website:

<https://www.sydneywater.com.au/plumbing-building-developing/plumbing/backflow-prevention.html>

Water Efficiency Recommendations

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Water is our most precious resource and every customer can play a role in its conservation. By working together with Sydney Water, business customers are able to reduce their water consumption. This will help your business save money, improve productivity and protect the environment.

Some water efficiency measures that can be easily implemented in your business are:

- Install water efficiency fixtures to help increase your water efficiency, refer to WELS (Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) Scheme, <http://www.waterrating.gov.au/>
- Consider installing rainwater tanks to capture rainwater runoff, and reusing it, where cost effective. Refer to <https://www.sydneywater.com.au/your-business/managing-your-water-use/water-efficiency-tips.html>
- Install water-monitoring devices on your meter to identify water usage patterns and leaks.
- Develop a water efficiency plan for your business.

It is cheaper to install water efficiency appliances while you are developing than retrofitting them later.

Contingency Plan Recommendations

Under Sydney Water's [customer contract](#) Sydney Water aims to provide Business Customers with a continuous supply of clean water at a minimum pressure of 15meters head at the main tap. This is equivalent to 146.8kpa or 21.29psi to meet reasonable business usage needs.

Sometimes Sydney Water may need to interrupt, postpone or limit the supply of water services to your property for maintenance or other reasons. These interruptions can be planned or unplanned.

Water supply is critical to some businesses and Sydney Water will treat vulnerable customers, such as hospitals, as a high priority.

Have you thought about a contingency plan for your business? Your Business Customer Representative will help you to develop a plan that is tailored to your business and minimises productivity losses in the event of a water service disruption.

For further information please visit the Sydney Water website at:

<https://www.sydneywater.com.au/your-business/managing-trade-wastewater/commercial-trade-wastewater.html> or contact Business Customer Services on 1300 985 227 or businesscustomers@sydneywater.com.au.