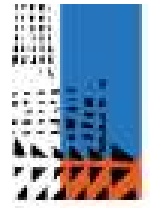


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Strategic Sites and Urban Renewal
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Attention: Mr Michael File
Director, Strategic Developments

Dear Sir

**Cochlear Global Headquarters Development, Macquarie University
(MP 08_0032) Matters to be Addressed in Preferred Project Report**

With regard to your letter dated 3rd September 2008, we provide the response to item d) as follows:

The project complies with the intent of the NSW Department of Water and Energy specifications for the riparian buffer. A Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) Report has been prepared for the project and submitted in accordance with the Guidelines for controlled activities. The VMP addresses the specific requirements of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as outlined in "DNR Guidelines for Controlled Activities Vegetation Management Plans: March 2007". It firstly identifies the extent of the riparian zone and the Department of Water and Energy (DWE) requirements.

We note that the VMP deals with a section of University Creek, as defined in the then DNR correspondence, (now Department of Water & Energy {DWE}), dated 18 December 2007, as per below

"Designation of Riparian Zones

The Department acknowledges that there are existing pinch points along the southern most watercourse on the site (University Creek) so depending on the location of the Major Project there may be some flexibility with the riparian corridor width. The Department of Water and Energy acknowledges that there are "pinch points" – so based on following the guidelines and applying a pinch point approach the proposed design confirms with the riparian buffer guidelines/specifications. There appears to be some good remnant vegetation along this creek. Generally, the Department would be seeking a Category 2 outcome which is a 20 metre wide core riparian zone (measured from top of bank) plus a 10m wide vegetated buffer".

The project has designed for a 20 metre wide core riparian zone with a 10 metre wide vegetated buffer adjacent University Creek with some pinch points .

Yours faithfully

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