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Dear Mr Heath,

REQUEST FOR ADVICE ON RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS (RTS) - UPPER SOUTH CREEK ADVANCED WATER RECYCLING CENTRE (AWRC) & BRINE PIPELINE (SSI-8609189)

Reference is made to the above state significant infrastructure project. It is noted that the Response to Submission Report (RTS) is in reference to submissions received to the initial Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) dated October 2021.

Since exhibition of the original EIS, Council officers have had on-going discussions with representatives from Sydney Water and highlighted issues regarding potential impacts of the proposal on the Fairfield LGA. As a result, an amended EIS was submitted with various sections of the project being realigned to minimise the impacts on Cabravale Park (Figure 1).

Specifically, the route of the brine pipeline has been realigned at Bartley Street, Cabramatta and is now proposed to cross under the railway line at a point that avoids impacts to Cabravale Park. This step is welcomed by Council, however concerns remain regarding the new alignment that now seeks to run through the Cabravale Leisure Centre car park and then re-join the alignment detailed in the original EIS, at the junction of Cumberland and Curtain Streets.

As a result of the above, Council officers have recently met with Sydney Water to discuss an alternative route (Figure 2) that will minimise disruption to the Cabravale Leisure Centre and surrounding properties. While the recommended route alignment would result in a temporary road closure, Council would favour this approach at Curtain Street for any pipeline tunnelling and a provision of a works compound to avoid the negative impacts the project will have long-term on the Leisure Centre and associated infrastructure.

Sydney Water at the meeting acknowledge Council's position opposing the realignment of the brine pipeline crossing under rail line into Council's Cabravale Leisure Centre subject to discussions with Transport for NSW. In this regard, further consideration of the route realignment will be required prior to final determination of the project.

In addition to the above, the mitigation measures outlined in Volume 4 Environmental Management of the EIS must be applied and monitored during all stages of project in collaboration with affected stakeholders.

Council recommends the following amendments be made to the management measures in Table 15-3 of the EIS to enhance local outcomes for the project.

Geotechnical investigations

Amend wording to GW11 measure to include 'all waterways' be incorporated in Updated Management Measures document.

Regular monitoring of creek profiles

Amend wording to WW27 measure to include 'During construction and operation' to ensure both stages of project works for boring and trench of creeks are monitored.

Location of site sheds and stockpiles outside the 1% AEP flood extent

Elevated sites must be outside 1% AEP where practical.

Inclusion for construction Hold points

- Preclearance survey.
- Site induction with contractor outlining biodiversity management measures ensuring avoid, minimise mitigate principles are implemented.
- Regular toolbox talks with construction teams/ contractors reporting on all biodiversity management measures.
- Practical completion – All biodiversity management measures have been met.

Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (in addition to what has already been suggested)

- Site works will not start until adequate erosion and sediment control works outlined are installed and functional.
- The entry to and departure of vehicles from the site will be confined to one stabilised point.
- Sediment or barrier fencing will be used to restrict all vehicular movements to that point.

BIOSECURITY ACT 2015 - SECT 30

Carry out general biosecurity duty under the Biosecurity Act 2015 to prevent, eliminate or minimise the biosecurity risk, this includes measures to eliminate the risk the spread of weed propagules brought in by machinery, tools and footwear.


Phytophthora Management Guidelines

Implement an appropriate Phytophthora management plan as per Saving our Species hygiene guidelines.

Council appreciates that Sydney Water has worked collaboratively with Council regarding the propose route of the brine pipeline to help realise the best outcomes and minimise impacts on the community and infrastructure of Fairfield City.

Should you require any further clarification in respect of this matter, please contact Kerren Ven on (02) 9725 0878.

Yours sincerely



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Figure 1 below. Brine pipeline route in Cabramatta proposed under amended EIS (March 2022)



Figure 2 below. Council recommended brine pipeline route in Cabramatta

