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RE: Sydney Water input to SEARs for SSD-110430488 at 19-25 Macquarie Place, Mortdale (HDA Housing)

Thank you for seeking Sydney Water's input on the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for SSD-110430488 at 19-25 Macquarie Place, Mortdale. The SSDA will seek consent for the redevelopment of the Mortdale RSL to deliver 233 dwellings within a 20 storey mixed use building, comprising a total 22,495m² residential GFA and 2,735m² non-residential GFA.

To facilitate this development, the following concurrent amendments are proposed for the Georges River LEP 2021:

- Amend the existing maximum height of building of 12m which affects half of the site as according to an anticipated detailed design study
- Amend the existing FSR controls of 1:1 and 1.5:1 as according to an anticipated detailed design study
- Potential rezoning of the existing R4 High Density Residential to E1 Local Centre

Servicing Information

This development has been designated a State Significant Development through the Housing Delivery Authority. Due to the accelerated approvals process for this development, a Feasibility application should be lodged with Sydney Water as soon as possible, prior to the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement, to receive detailed advice on our capacity to service the proposed development and next steps. Failure to do so may delay our response to future exhibition of the project or delay the Section 73 application process if servicing issues are raised post-determination.

Water-related Infrastructure Requirements

1. The proponent of the development should determine service demands following servicing investigations and demonstrate that satisfactory arrangements for drinking water, wastewater, and recycled water (where required) services have been made.
2. The proponent must obtain endorsement and/or approval from Sydney Water to ensure that the proposed development does not adversely impact on any existing water, wastewater or stormwater main, or other Sydney Water asset, including any easement or property. To do this, it is required that the

proponent register a direct **Feasibility** enquiry with Sydney Water as soon as possible via an approved Water Servicing Coordinator (WSC) to ascertain servicing needs and to ensure the proposed development is considered in any potential planning, land requirements, existing or future easements that we might be undertaking or investigating.

3. When determining landscaping options, the proponent should take into account that certain tree species can cause cracking or blockage of Sydney Water pipes and therefore should be avoided.
4. The proponent should consider taking measures to minimise or eliminate potential flooding, degradation of water quality, and avoid adverse impacts on any heritage items, and create pipeline easements where required.
5. Strict requirements for the protection of Sydney Water's stormwater assets may apply to this site. The proponent should ensure that satisfactory steps/measures been taken to protect existing stormwater assets, such as avoiding building over and/or adjacent to stormwater assets and building bridges over stormwater

Integrated Water Cycle Management (IWCM)

6. The proponent should outline any sustainability initiatives that will minimise/reduce the demand for drinking water, including any alternative water supply and end uses of drinking and non-drinking water that may be proposed, and demonstrate water sensitive urban design (principles are used), and any water conservation measures that are likely to be proposed. This will allow Sydney Water to determine the impact of the proposed development on our existing services and required system capacity to service the development.
7. It is required that the proponent engages directly with Sydney Water via the Feasibility process and discuss IWCM opportunities.

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

A Feasibility application will enable a comprehensive servicing review ensuring the proposed development is considered in any potential planning that we might be undertaking. Failure to provide this information may impede proper planning requirements for the proposed development and for the broader area. The completed growth form should be submitted by the proponent to Sydney Water as part of the Feasibility application via a Water Servicing Coordinator (WSC), citing this referral response and our reference number.

Next steps

- Given the scale and complexity of the proposed development, further investigations may be required to determine the servicing requirements for this site. It is recommended that a Water Servicing Coordinator is engaged as soon as possible, and a **Feasibility** application is submitted with Sydney Water **prior to the preparation of the EIS**.
- The proponent should complete and return the enclosed Growth Data Form as part of their Feasibility application submission. The Growth Data Form should be updated promptly with Sydney Water in case of changes.
- The Department 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.

If the proponent has any questions, they should contact their Sydney Water case manager once a Feasibility is lodged. Should the Department require further information, please contact Joanne Chan from the Growth Analytics 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