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Recycling & Recovery

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Dear Deana

Re: Response to Cronulla Model Aero Club submission

SUEZ has reviewed the submission made by the Cronulla Model Aero Club regarding the Response to Submissions and Preferred Project Report (SUEZ, 2016). The submission refers to *"I do not believe that the applicant has properly addressed the issues/concerns raised by the community in regards to the loss of land that was to become available from 2016 onwards"*.

On the above issue / concern, SUEZ provides the following response.

Recreational uses at the LHRRP currently is in accordance with DA 11-09-99. Details regarding recreational uses at the LHRRP is not explicitly described within the consent (DA 11-09-99), however the consent refers to the follow documents that has formed the basis of consent:

- Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by National Environmental Consulting Services (NECS) dated 1998
- Amended DA and accompanying Assessment report prepared by National Environmental Consulting Services dated 27 April 1999
- Further modification applications made to modify DA 11-09-99

The main document that describes recreational use at the LHRRP is the EIS prepared by NECS. Under Section 6.3 Proposed Recreational Facility (page 6-6), the document states:

"The proposed recreational facilities provided at the site will be for passive recreational uses. The facilities include picnic areas, bridges, ponds, recreation trails, viewing areas and an interpretive centre."

Uses of the proposed facilities will be determined in consultation with the community and ANSTO. With respect to the portion of the LHWMC owned by ANSTO the following requirements apply:

- *Unless ANSTO agrees to ongoing recreational uses and retention of structures, recreational uses will cease and recreational infrastructure removed before 2025;*
- *After completion of each landfill staged area and during rehabilitation of the area, a review of the proposed*



recreational uses for that area be undertaken with ANSTO's participation;

- *Proposed specific recreational uses will require ANSTO's prior approval and must meet ANSTO and NSW Emergency Service Organisations safety criteria and directions; and*
- *ANSTO has no financial or other responsibility for maintenance of recreational areas."*

"General Open Space Areas

The LHWMC site will contain extensive areas of open space areas. Parkland will provide primarily for passive recreational uses. The final structure of the parkland will not fully emerge until completion of the final stage around the year 2025.

The final uses of parkland have not been determined and will be subject to ongoing consultation with the community and ANSTO as each stage is being filled. Grading and landscaping of all site areas has been developed to provide maximum flexibility to accommodate possible needs of future generations. Large, gently undulating and sloping spaces edged with trees and pathways will be able to cater for a range of different activities.

At this stage, facilities in the first completed portion of the parkland will comprise the relocated SSPCYC area and include possible dog training and model aeroplane flying areas."

Based on the above, the following points are establish under the current approval (DA 11-09-99):

- For land within the ANSTO boundary, ANSTO's explicit consent is required for any recreational uses
- The final structure of the parkland will not fully emerge until completion of the final stage around the year 2025
- The final uses of parkland have not been determined and will be subject to ongoing consultation with the community and ANSTO as each stage is being filled
- While there was consideration of the "possible dog training and model aeroplane flying areas" in 1998 when the document was prepared, there was no guarantee of land available for such uses

The 2016 proposal is an improvement over the current approval, as in Appendix R of the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by GHD, Section 4.1.1 (p26) clearly states "*a model aeroplane flying area will be located in a section on the northern boundary of the site in accordance with a Council resolution on the matter*". The issue is also addressed through Sutherland Shire Council report number BDS129-15 issued on 11/5/2015.

We also refer to Volume 7 of the EIS, Appendix R - Parkland, Future Use and Post Closure Management. As described in chapter 3 of the document, as part of this proposal SUEZ proposed a range of improvements to the approved landscape plan in areas such as safety, accessibility and facilities, with some examples listed below:

- In the currently approved landscape plan the planted areas do not conform with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principals as the distances allow for obstructions to occur across the site, thus reducing the safety and security of the site for all users. The proposed revised landscape plan provides an appropriate design in respect to the accepted CPTED guidelines for the use of public open space.
- The currently approved landscape plan was designed 16 years ago and reflects accessibility concurrence



of the date of the plan, which is now outdated. The proposed revised landscape plan design complies with current accessibility requirements as per AS1428 - Design for access and mobility.

The proposed revised landscape plan also offers an additional 25 ha of parkland available for passive recreation by the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phil Carbins', located below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

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