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**RE: Sydney Water input to SEARs for SSD-89477725 at 51-55 Parramatta Road, Five Dock (HDA Pathway)**

Thank you for seeking Sydney Water's input on the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements for the development proposal at 51-55 Parramatta Road, Five Dock. The Rezoning Proposal and SSDA will seek consent for the following.

- Rezoning Proposal:
  - Amendments of planning controls Canada Bay Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2013 by:
    - Change land use zone from R3 Medium Density Residential to MU1 Mixed Use.
    - Enable residential flat buildings as an additional permitted use on site.
    - Increase maximum building height and floor space ratio controls.
- SSDA Proposed Development:
  - Demolition of existing buildings and excavation for a three-level basement for car park and basement retail.
  - Construction of three (3) shop top housing developments, one eight (8) storey build-to-rent housing and/or co-living units.
  - Delivery of approximately **674** dwelling units.

Sydney Water requests that the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) include the following Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements relating to the provision of water-related services for the subject site:

**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.  
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.
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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 **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 (or anticipated risk to Sydney Water's assets), further investigations may be required to determine the servicing requirements for this site. It is requested 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.

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Should the Department require further information, please contact Joanne Chan from the Growth Analytics Team at [urbangrowth@sydneywater.com.au](mailto: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 Development Application Information Sheet for Proponent

Sydney Water has provided advice to the Department/Council on your proposed development. Further steps are required before Sydney Water connections and final approvals can be granted. Without relevant Sydney Water approval, your Subdivision Certificate, Occupation Certificate or Construction Certificate, may not be issued. Please read the information below to assist with your development. Further information can also be found on our website ([sydneywater.com.au](https://sydneywater.com.au)).

## Building Plan Approval

### Why have I been advised a Building Plan Approval is required?

Demolition, excavation, construction or modification to existing buildings and structures all have the potential to damage or limit access to our water, wastewater or stormwater services. That's why we need to review and approve your building plans before you start any work. In many cases, you need a Building Plan Approval before council can allow you to start demolishing or constructing.

### How do I apply for a Building Plan Approval?

The approved plans must be submitted to the Sydney Water [Tap in®](#) online service to determine whether the development will affect any Sydney Water wastewater, water, stormwater mains and/or easement, and if further requirements need to be met.

Sydney Water recommends you apply for Building Plan approval early as in some instances a detailed engineering assessment would be required when building over or near our critical assets. This can be a lengthy process and may also impact development designs.

You will be required to pay Sydney Water for the costs associated with any detailed review.

## Section 73 Compliance Certificate

### Why have I been advised a Section 73 application is required?

If you are developing or subdividing land and needing water or wastewater, you may need to apply for a Section 73 Compliance Certificate before council can issue an Occupation or Subdivision Certificate.

If we have noted a requirement for a Section 73 Compliance Certificate in our advice to Council, one must be obtained from Sydney Water under the *Sydney Water Act 1994*. These include secondary homes or granny flats in an area with Priority Sewerage Scheme or with a GFA greater than 60 m<sup>2</sup>.

### How do I apply for a Section 73 Compliance Certificate?

You can choose to use a water servicing coordinator for works of any size. If you only have minor works, you can apply directly through Sydney Water Developer Direct.

We suggest you lodge an early application for the certificate, as there may be additional connections or pipes to be built or additional steps to protect our existing assets. This can also impact other services, buildings, driveways, or landscape designs.

## Feasibility

### Why have I been advised to carry out a Feasibility enquiry?

If the development presents potentially large water servicing demands on drinking water, wastewater, recycled water and stormwater where applicable or asset impacts are anticipated, further investigation may be required to determine the servicing requirements for the site.

It is recommended that a Water Servicing Coordinator is engaged to also ensure early discussion on your proposed development so it is considered in any potential planning that we might be undertaking. We advise you do this as soon as possible to prevent potential delays to your development approvals or servicing.

### How do I apply for a Feasibility?

To apply for a Feasibility, you will need to contact a Water Servicing Coordinator. Tell them you have been advised to lodge a Feasibility as part of your development application.

## Growth Data Form

### Why do I need to complete a Growth Data Form as part of the Feasibility application?

If you have been requested to provide growth data, it is likely your planning proposal may lead to development with significant servicing needs, especially or in areas not previously identified for substantial growth.

To ensure thorough servicing advice and explore staged servicing options, we need anticipated growth data and **indicative** development staging, including yield per stage, as specified in the Growth Data Form in Appendix 1 of this information sheet.

## Infrastructure Contributions

### What are infrastructure contributions?

Infrastructure contributions are a payment towards the cost of infrastructure needed to provide water-related services to new developments.

### How do infrastructure contributions impact me?

Infrastructure contributions are payable for all developments that require a Section 73 Compliance Certificate. The contributions are being gradually reintroduced such that they will be capped at 25 percent in 2024-25 and 50 percent in 2025-26, with full contributions payable from 1 July 2026 onwards, in line with a transition plan approved by the NSW Government.

You can find more information on infrastructure contributions at [land development](#).

### I am building in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Precincts. How does this impact me?

The NSW Government has appointed Sydney Water as the Regional Stormwater Authority in the initial Western Sydney Aerotropolis precincts, including the Mamre Road Precinct.

If you are building in the Aerotropolis Initial Precincts, you will be required to pay infrastructure contributions towards Sydney Water's stormwater and recycled water servicing. The estimated amount of contributions for stormwater and recycled water servicing will be provided at the Notice of Requirements issued during the Section 73 application.

You can find more information on Mamre Road and Aerotropolis Infrastructure Contributions at [Mamre Road and Aerotropolis development](#).

## Water Servicing Coordinator

### What is a Water Servicing Coordinator?

Water Servicing Coordinators are accredited providers who can manage your Sydney Water applications for you.

They can design new pipes, manage applications for Section 73 Compliance Certificates and Feasibilities, applications for approval to move or extend our pipes, design and construction of new pipes, and applications for approval to build over or next to assets.

All Water Servicing Coordinators have designer accreditation and can provide design services.

### How do I find a Water Servicing Coordinator?

Please follow this link to find a list of Water Servicing Coordinators: [Water servicing coordinators](#)

## Quick Links

[Building plan approvals](#)

[Section 73 Compliance Certificates](#)

[Steps for first time developers](#)

[Water servicing coordinators](#)

[Land development](#)

[Managing trade wastewater](#)

[Growth Servicing Plan](#)

[Mamre Road and Aerotropolis development](#)

## Trade wastewater for business customers

### I am a business customer and my development may generate commercial or industrial trade wastewater. What do I do?

If your development is going to generate trade wastewater, you must have written approval to connect your business to our network, and properly install and maintain appropriate treatment equipment before any business activities can commence. It is illegal to discharge trade wastewater into the Sydney Water sewerage system without permission.

### How to apply for approval to discharge?

Complete an application for connection to discharge trade wastewater at Sydney Water [Tap in®](#) or contact [businesscustomers@sydneywater.com.au](mailto:businesscustomers@sydneywater.com.au) for further information.

## Appendix 1. Example of growth data form

The following is an example of the level of intel that we require to assess the potential staging and phasing of asset upgrades. We acknowledge that this information is an indication only and is provided as a guide to assist SW to provide more nuanced feasibility or servicing advice. We note that timescales are often subject to developer intent/demand and approval timescales. Sydney Water uses the information at its own risk.

| Anticipated growth timescales |                              |                |                                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                      |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----------------------|
| Project name:                 | Address:                     |                | Sydney Water Ref. Number and DA Ref Number: |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                      |
| Development Type              | Ultimate growth (additional) | Total # stages | 2025                                        | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 | 2031 | 2032 | 2033 | 2034 | Continue as required |
| Example (dwelling multi)      | 2050                         | 5              | 0                                           | 0    | 350  | 350  | 500  | 500  | 350  | 0    | 0    | 0    |                      |
| Example (job number)          | 1600                         | 6              | 0                                           | 200  | 200  | 300  | 300  | 300  | 300  | 0    | 0    | 0    |                      |
| Dwellings (single)            |                              |                |                                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                      |
| Dwellings (multi)             |                              |                |                                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                      |
| Jobs (number)                 |                              |                |                                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                      |
| Jobs (GFA)                    |                              |                |                                             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                      |