

Department of Urban Affairs and Planning Ministerial Submission

**Subject: Request for Division 4, Part 5 Ministerial Approval
Cronulla Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade**

File No. S94/00591/004

Background

- The Director-General's report for the proposed upgrade of the Cronulla Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) was forwarded to the Minister on 1 August 1997 accompanied by a submission (tagged 'A').
- A copy of the report was also forwarded to Sydney Water accompanied by a letter seeking its opinion on the proposal and the recommended conditions of approval contained within the report.

Submission from Sydney Water

- Sydney Water replied in a letter dated 26 August 1997 (tagged 'B') indicating that a number of its initial concerns regarding the recommended conditions had been resolved through further consultation with the Department officers.
- Notwithstanding this, Sydney Water requested the Minister give further consideration to the three following recommended conditions:
 - Condition 8 which requires Sydney Water to employ an Environmental Management Representative during construction;
 - Condition 50 concerning preparation of a report addressing rehabilitation and restoration of the area around Potters Point; and
 - Condition 58 regarding refurbishment of the entire effluent transfer scheme.
- The Department has held discussions with Sydney Water to resolve the differences in positions on these conditions. It has been agreed that Condition 8 is to remain unchanged and that the two other conditions be deleted. However, in view of the deletion of Condition 58, it has also been agreed to amend Condition 10 (Construction EMP) to make specific reference to how refurbishment works would be accommodated during construction. The Department's detailed consideration of these matters is provided in the accompanying attachment (tagged 'C').

Conclusions

- On the basis of the assessment undertaken in the EIS, representations received, supplementary information supplied by the proponent, the findings of the Director-General's report and the submission from Sydney Water, the Department considers that the environmental impacts associated with the proposal can be controlled to an acceptable level.
- The Department considers that the proposal and management measures as described in the EIS and subsequently modified should proceed subject to the conditions as specified.

Decision of Minister

- In making his decision the Minister is required to consider the EIS, the environmental impact of the activity, the Director-General's report and the submission from Sydney Water.
- The Minister's decision and the Director-General's report are to be made public.

Recommendations

It is RECOMMENDED that the Minister:

- i) approve the proposed upgrade of the Cronulla STP site in accordance with the provisions of Division 4 of Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* by signing the attached instrument of approval (tagged '**D**'); and
- ii) sign the attached letter to the Managing Director of Sydney Water (tagged '**E**') advising him of your decision.

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Approved

Craig Knowles MP
Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning
Minister for Housing