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Resident of:  
11 Taylor Street  
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Attention Director  
Infrastructure Projects, Planning Services  
Department of Planning and Environment  
Application number SSI 6307  
GPO Box Sydney NSW 2001

As a resident directly adjacent to Cintra Park we and our neighbours have a number of major concerns with the post construction design of the zone. We have no issues with the 3 year construction phase. We will highlight these issues in priority order.

### **1) Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond – VISUAL IMPACT**

We were totally shocked when we viewed the artist impression of the recreation area in Cintra Park on completion of final works. How can you possibly think that putting structures in front of our beautiful age old Morton Bay Fig Trees would look aesthetically pleasing to any locals in the area? This artist impression makes it look like an industrial space with grass in the centre surrounded on 3 sides by different structures. Surely you must be able to see that if you placed the Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond on the same side as the canal we would be left with access to our lovely shady area under these trees which many of us and our families seek out during the hot summers to enjoy a game of cricket etc along our back boundary fences.

Again, there are no detailed plans available showing the level (RL) of the final “recreation space” compared to our property boundary line. In this respect we have no idea of the final height of the proposed buildings with respect to our current outlook. At present we enjoy a lovely long reaching view of the hockey field and it would obviously be detrimental to us to place these new structures on our boundaries. We fear this will be replaced with an oppressive and domineering wall, taking away everything we have enjoyed for so long. This is to us totally disregarding residents, we can be so bold as to ask ***“Would you like these structures placed here if you were us, especially knowing they could have been placed on the canal side?”***.

### **2) Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond – LOITERING/SAFETY ISSUES**

We are very concerned with the space between the “Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond” and our back fence. This zone used to be a real issue prior to the Hockey field being built with young teenagers loitering in the darker hours dealing drugs etc. Once the Hockey field was established this loitering activity ceased due to

the amount of activity on the field day and night as well as lighting in this zone. Our concern is that with the new buildings and pond this area would return to an alley way, right on our back fences providing the ideal conditions for the space to return back to loitering and drug activity of the past. In addition, prior to the current hockey field, several residences were burgled many times in 10 years, however never burgled again since the hockey field was built. Our concern is that the proposed new building would provide cover for criminal theft activity and other antisocial activities to return. ***Again if these structures were placed on the canal side this would not be an issue.***

### **3) Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond – NOISE**

With limited, though some experience regarding noise generated by “Water Treatment Plant” stations, we are concerned with any intermittent or ongoing noise generated continually or from time to time from the plant. Given the close proximity to both our boundary line and all adjacent property boundary lines. ***Again if these structures were placed on the canal side this would not be an issue.***

### **4) Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond – ODOURS**

At present, there are no detailed plans available regarding the actual design of the “Water Treatment Plant or Sediment Pond” and the various processes involved. We are therefore concerned regarding the treatment process and if any chemical will be involved or stagnant water issues that will produce odours depending on winds, heat or turn around times of the pond water. ***Again if these structures were placed on the canal side this would not be an issue.***

### **5) Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond – MOSQUITO’S & RATS**

Our final concern is regarding both mosquitos and rats. Rats have been an ongoing issue from the existing stormwater canal for all time. We fear this proposed “Sediment Pond” will only encourage more unwanted activity, which has been such a big problem for so long. We already have an issue with mosquitos and again the proposed position of the “Sediment Pond” we fear will increase mosquito numbers. ***Again if these structures were placed on the canal side this would not be an issue.***

### **6) Water Treatment Plant or Sediment Pond – REAR PROPERTY ACCESS**

Like many other residencies backing onto Cintra Park, we have enjoyed being able to access the park from our back gates. We have raised our family being able to utilise and view our children playing in the park under these large old trees like so many others. The proposed position of these buildings and pond would take away this valued enjoyment for choosing to live where we do “the parkland suburb”. ***Again if these structures were placed on the canal side this would not be an issue.***

In summary, as long standing residents of Taylor Street for 30+ years, we have accepted many changes to the surrounding environment including the Hockey field which has turned

out to be the best development mitigating crime from the local area. The many issues highlighted above would impact on our Safety, Community and Living Standard in only a negative manner. We fully accept the new tunnel project and how this will better Sydney commuters; however, locally the change to our home environment will be in no way a positive change with the current design layout of the “Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond”.

***We have no idea why these structures would be proposed to be positioned directly adjacent and along our boundary line considering the vast space available along the stormwater canal side. We see two options for repositioning of the “Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond” as follows:***

#### **A Adjacent to the Stormwater Canal**

This seems like the most logical position for the “Water Treatment Plant or Sediment Pond” for a number of reasons:

- a) This is the furthest location from any residential homes.
- b) Aesthetically, will not look out of place and will allow the current long reaching views of the new recreational space to be viewed by Taylor Street.
- c) The treatment plant will have direct adjacent access to discharge treated water to the stormwater canal.
- d) There would be no concern for loitering, safety or any increased criminal activity.
- e) There would be no concern for noise, odours, increased rat activity or mosquitos.

#### **B Adjacent to Queen Street**

This location would also reduce impact on any Taylor Street Residencies in a similar way as described above and would be our second choice for positioning and location the “Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond”.

We trust the above clearly outlines our many concerns with the current proposed location of the “Water Treatment Plant and Sediment Pond” and hope one of the above relocation solutions is adopted to ensure we continue to be safe and enjoy our current standard of living.

Regards

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