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Dear Greg,

Re: Office of Water submission regarding application MP10-0007 and MP10_0008 MOD 2 – Basin 6 modification

I write in regards to the Office of Water submission which relates to the proposed development of stormwater detention Basin 6, Len Waters Industrial Estate.

In light of the submission, Council would like to highlight some background information and matters of consideration when the location of Basin 6 was determined.

Cabramatta Creek Basin Strategy- background

Detention Basin 6 forms part of a comprehensive drainage and detention system for the Cabramatta Creek catchments. The detention basin strategy for Cabramatta Creek was developed in the 1980's (Sinclair Knight, 1983; Kinhill, 1992). The objective of the basin strategy is to ensure that flood flows throughout the catchment do not increase as a result of new 'Release Area' development identified within the catchment. In effect each basin needs to be constructed at the specified storage capacity and performance in order to alleviate potentially catastrophic flooding of downstream urbanised areas.

The review of Basin 6 (by Bewsher Consulting, 2006) was prompted by the construction of the M7 Motorway which intersected the initial Basin 6 location. (Refer to Fig 1 below). During the review, it became apparent that the location of Basin 6 would have to be selected in consideration of;

- i) the M7 Motorway, which reduced the storage capacity of the original basin location
- ii) the approved Middleton Grange development, which limited the available storage on the upstream (west) side of the motorway;
- iii) a proposed east-west road that is to pass under the motorway bridge, which limits the extent of flooding that may be permissible through the underpass;
- iv) the extent of significant vegetation on the western side of the M7 corridor compared to the eastern side at the Northern Creek/M7 underpass junction

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The Basin 6 review subsequently recommended that Basin 6 be logically located on the eastern side of M7 Motorway. Council adopted the 2006 Basin 6 review, and rezoned the site to SP2 Infrastructure (drainage). Council has also purchased the land in order to facilitate its future construction and dedication as Council asset.

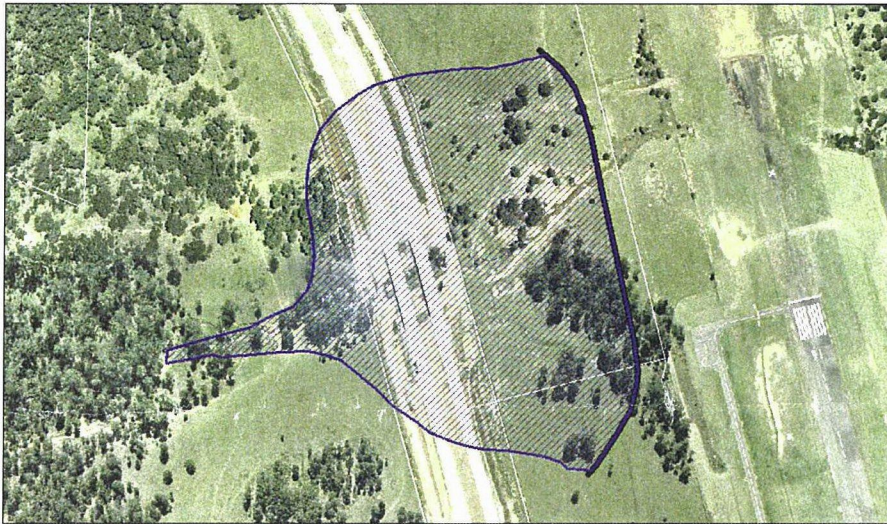


Fig 1. Original location of Basin 6

Source: Review of Cabramatta Creek Basin Strategy Bewsher Consulting Pty Ltd July 2006

M7 Motorway

The M7 Motorway has had a major impact upon the connectivity between the Western Sydney Parklands and Hinchinbrook Creek. Further to this, the construction of the Hoxton Park Airport and subsequent piping of a length of Northern Creek also reduces the effectiveness of this location as an ecological link to Hinchinbrook Creek. Taking this into account, the subsequent zoning of the airport site has not incorporated buffer zones in line with a categorised creek, considering that a natural creek line was not in existence. The rezoning was endorsed by the Department of Planning in 2008.

Metropolitan Development Program (MDP)

The former Hoxton Park Airport land, Elizabeth Hills to the north and Middleton Grange were all nominated on the NSW State Government's MDP. Since the closure of the airport, significant development has, and continues to be carried out within this precinct that will provide for over 1,600 jobs and over 3,500 dwellings. A large proportion of land within this precinct and wider Hoxton Park Area release could not be delivered without the implementation of the Cabramatta Creek basin strategy, including Basin 6.

Land use zoning

During the rezoning of Hoxton Park Airport (2008), Council consulted with the DECCW and a number of state authorities. The land on which Basin 6 footprint is proposed was zoned SP2 Infrastructure (Drainage) in order to facilitate the construction of the basin and associated drainage works.

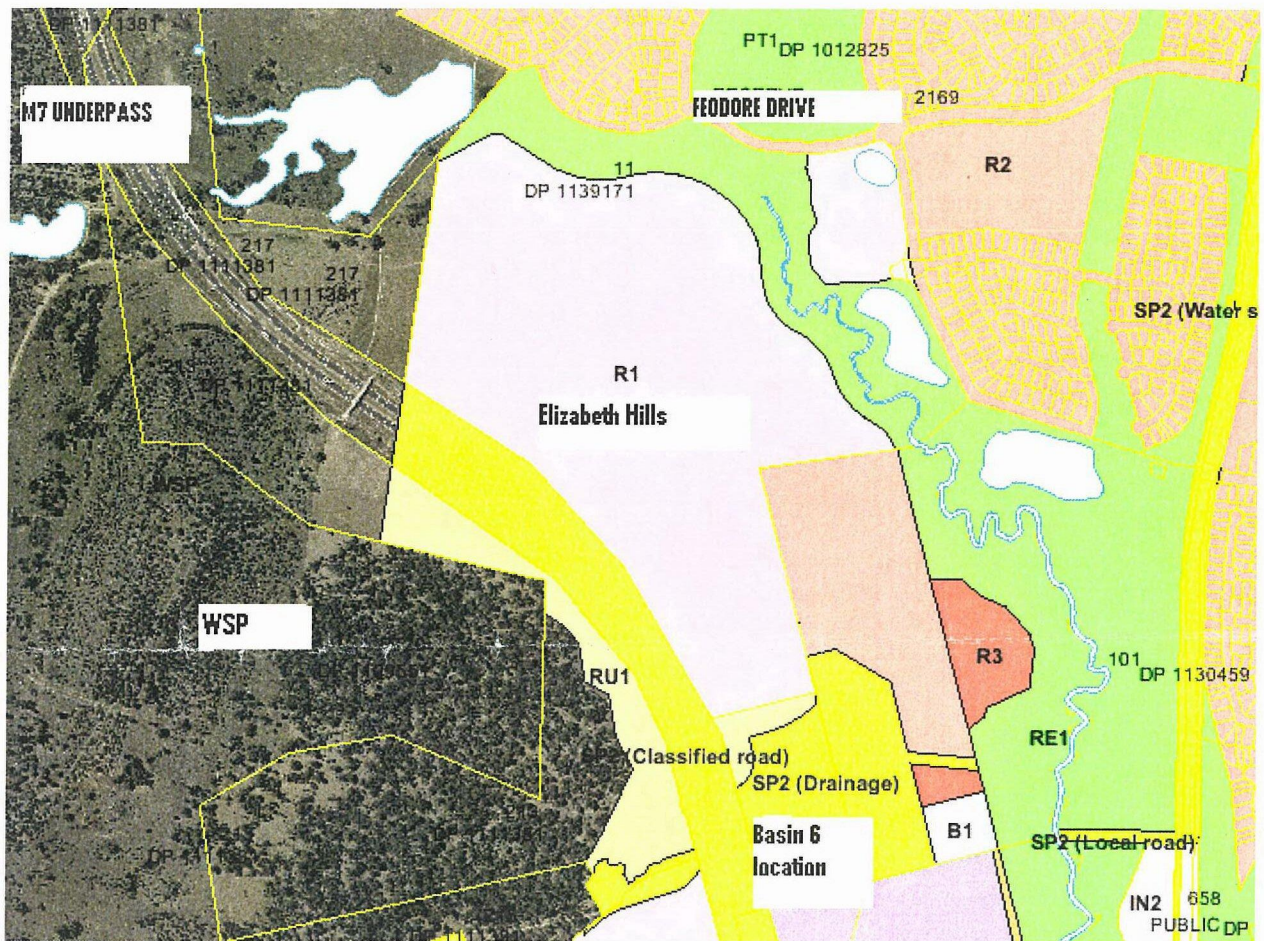


Fig.2 Aerial photomap and land use zoning map extract

Environmental Outcomes in the area

During the rezoning of the former Hoxton Park Airport (now Len Waters Estate) and Elizabeth Hills, significant environmental outcomes have been secured through the implementation of land use zones and Voluntary Planning Agreements. As evidenced from the zoning map extract above, Council is to secure a corridor of open space (zoned RE1 Public Recreation) along Hinchinbrook Creek to the Western Sydney Parklands to the north.

Through the execution of VPA's with three landowners in the area, Council has secured various works within the RE1 land including the local creeks and tributaries including water quality measures, contamination audits, weed removal, rehabilitation of existing vegetation and revegetation of core areas. These works are implemented via various VMP's, vegetation offset work plans and VPA's.

Northerly connection

It should be noted that an existing ecological link under the M7 (noted as M7 underpass on zoning map extract) has significantly more value than the Basin 6 underpass site. This is attributed to land on either side of the underpass being within the Western Sydney Parklands, the proximity of the link to existing water bodies. The effectiveness of this ecological link will be increased via the planned revegetation and restoration works secured through the VPA associated with the development of Elizabeth Hills and through planned revegetation works in this location by the Western Sydney Parklands Trust.

Future Works

The M7 underpass at the Basin 6 location is also the subject of future road construction linking Middleton Grange to the Len Waters Industrial Estate. This underpass road link was initiated through the master planning of Middleton Grange (throughout 2001-2004) and will serve as an important link between these newly emerging urban areas.

As the environmental significance of the Northern Creek link is already substantially compromised, and the endorsed location of Basin 6 has been determined as optimum by various reports and studies, Liverpool Council does not see any a merit in requesting the relocation of Basin 6.

Should you require any further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Theo Zotos on 9821 9317.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Theo Zotos', written in a cursive style.

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