



Hawkesbury City Council

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MM - Freemans Reach, Glossodia and Wilberforce Sewerage Scheme - (79353)

REPORT:

As Council would be aware the review of the environmental factors for the Freemans Reach, Glossodia and Wilberforce Sewerage Scheme has been released for public comment. The REF has been on exhibition from Monday, 5 November until Friday, 30 November 2007. Submissions will be accepted until Friday, 7 December 2007. At Council's meeting of 13 November 2007 Councillor Devine requested that Sydney Water representatives be invited to a briefing session to be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2007 to provide Councillors with further information relating to the scheme.

Advice has been received that the Sydney Water representatives will be unable to attend the briefing session due to prior commitments. On that basis two points of concerns were raised in relation to the proposed scheme;

1. Why is the proposed scheme not allowing for growth outside the PSP villages?

Response: The priority sewerage program is a New South Wales Government initiative providing improved sewerage services to unsewered urban villages assessed by the department of environment and climate change as having high environmental and public health impacts. In providing these services, Sydney Water allows for infill development within the existing villages (development of vacant lots) as well as providing for any minor adjoining growth identified with the assistance of the local planning authority. Example: Capacity has been provided for additional lots on the eastern end of the Wilberforce residential area which has previously been identified by Council for future development.

Services for more significant growth are only considered in proposed urban development areas and are included in the New South Wales Governments Metropolitan Development Program. It is suggested that if Council believes significant growth is possible in the vicinity of the Freemans Reach, Wilberforce and Glossodia Villages that the New South Wales Department of Planning be approached with a view to including appropriate areas within the metropolitan development program.

2. Why was pressure sewer rather than gravity adopted?

Response: The pressure option for this scheme was evaluated as the preferred option compared to a number of other alternatives including gravity. As explained in the review of environmental factors for the proposed Freemans Reach, Glossodia and Wilberforce Sewerage Scheme pressure sewer systems were found to provide a significant cost advantage, having lower impact on environment and significantly reduced impact on the community during construction.

I understand that the Department of Planning are going to release the North West Subregional strategy for comment prior to Christmas and this strategy will obviously have implications in terms of servicing to future residential lots within the Hawkesbury. Sydney Water should be made aware that this is imminent as it may have implications in extending existing residential areas and the servicing of those areas. I would recommend a submission be made to Sydney Water in this regard.

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RECOMMENDATION:

That a submission be made to the REF highlighting the issues outlined within the minute and any other relevant comments arising from this meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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