



Hawkesbury City Council

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REPORT:

The McGraths Hill Sewage Treatment Plant, which treats sewage from Windsor, South Windsor, McGraths Hill, Vineyard and Pitt Town, is currently at capacity. To enable the treatment of additional flows from the Pitt Town and Vineyard area, it was proposed to divert part of the flows from the Windsor Catchment via a new rising main from Pump Station C, behind Windsor Toyota, to the South Windsor Sewage Treatment Plant. This work was proposed to coincide with the provision of sewerage infrastructure to the Wilberforce, Freemans Reach and Glossodia townships with the cost of the alterations to Pump Station C and the new rising main being shared between Sydney Water and the Pitt Town development. As a result of Sydney Water's decision to treat the Wilberforce, Freemans Reach and Glossodia sewage at their Richmond plant, the full cost to divert flows from McGraths Hill to South Windsor would be borne by the Pitt Town development.

The Johnson Property Group have suggested an alternate proposal to diverting flows from McGraths Hill to South Windsor, by providing additional capacity at McGraths Hill. It has been indicated to the Johnson Property Group that this option would only be considered if there were no additional discharge into South Creek from the proposal. The Johnson Property Group have now suggested, in conjunction with providing additional capacity at McGraths Hill, that a water recycling scheme back to Pitt Town be provided in accordance with that request.

Similar to the cost of providing the sewerage infrastructure to Pitt Town the water recycling scheme would be provided by the Johnson Property Group, with the cost to be shared over the total development area with the Johnson Property Group being recompensed as development occurs. It would be the responsibility of the Johnson Property Group to obtain all approvals in relation to this proposal with the ultimate ownership of the system being Council, if such a proposal were to proceed.

It would appear that this proposal would be environmentally advantageous and as such it is recommended that support in principle be given to the proposal to allow further investigations to be undertaken.

Conformance to Strategic Plan

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

"Objective: Establish a framework to define and equitably manage the infrastructure demands of the City."

Funding

Funding will be provided from developer contributions.

RECOMMENDATION:

That subject to the Johnson Property Group obtaining necessary approvals and conducting appropriate investigations, the proposal to provide additional capacity at the McGraths Hill Treatment Plant including the implementation of a water recycling scheme to Pitt Town be supported in principle and that a further report in connection with this matter be submitted to Council at the appropriate time.

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ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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