## **Department of Planning and Environment**



Our ref: SSI-8609189-PA-39

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## 29/11/2023

Subject: Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre (SSI-8609189-PA-39) – Conditions E63, E64 and E65 – Approval of the Urban Design and Landscape Plan

Dear Ms Cahill

I refer to your submission of the Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP) under conditions E63, E64 and E65 of the Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recyling Centre project (SSI-8609189). I also acknowledge your responses to the Department's review comments and requests for additional information.

I note the UDLP addresses urban design and landscaping elements within and immediately surrounding the Stage 1 operational footprint (including the drainage channel west of the main operational footprint towards South Creek) (Figure 91 of UDLP) and the vegetation riparian zone adjacent to South Creek (Figure 119 of UDLP). The UDLP does not address urban design and landscaping elements proposed in the green space area outside the Stage 1 operational footprint. These elements are proposed to be addressed as part of a separate Greenspace Masterplan, to be submitted to the Department for approval as an additional stage of the UDLP.

The Department understands the Landscape Management Plan (LMP) and Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), which inform landscaping requirements under conditions E64 and E65 are yet to be finalised as part of the UDLP. You are reminded that vegetation and landscaping works dependent on the VMP and LMP must not commence until these documents have been approved by the Planning Secretary. Please submit the finalised LMP and VMP to the Planning Secretary for approval by 1 June 2024. If the project is not able to achieve this timeframe, you are required to consult further with the Department at least one month prior to the due date.

The Department has carefully reviewed the UDLP and is satisfied that it generally meets the requirements of the relevant conditions of approval for SSI-8609189. This letter approves only the works outlined in the UDLP (revision 05, dated 13 November 2023), it excludes any vegetation and

landscaping requirements under conditions E64 and E65. Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the UDLP (revision 05, dated 13 November 2023).

You are reminded of the requirement to prepare and submit a new UDLP to the Department for approval, which addresses urban design and landscaping elements within the proposed green space area. The new UDLP must meet the requirements of conditions E63, E64 and E65, and be consistent with the vision for the green space area outlined in the Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre Urban Design Report, dated July 2021 (provided as Attachment A to RFI 1, dated 1 June 2022).

If there are any inconsistencies between the approved UDLP and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail. Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Natalie Froud on (02) 8275 1684 or at natalie.froud@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary