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The Friends of Ropes Creek, a volunteer group under the auspices of Penrith Council, have been working to restore bushland along Ropes Creek reserve since 1991. Managing stormwater run-off from the Mamre Rd Precinct is of vital significance to Ropes Creek. Sydney Water is proposing to introduce stormwater recycling as non-potable water supply to the precinct, naturalised channels feeding to engineered ponds for water retention instead of piped networks of stormwater direction away from the site. The ponds can serve as something of a replacement for so many wetlands destroyed through construction of Western Sydney Airport. The Friends of Ropes Creek support the retention of water in ponds/wetlands rather than piping the water into the Creek. Piping the water to the Creek would have a disastrous effect on a Creek already suffering the effects of urbanisation. Creek bank erosion and introduction of exotic vegetation would only increase further than presently. These creeks of Western Sydney and associated bushland are a vital resource for the community and the environment they deserve better treatment, not to be made worse. The Friends of Ropes Creek urge iPart to approve the full cost of the Sydney Water scheme, to be paid for by the developers as they will derive the financial benefit. We do not support a reduced cost that compromises the environment of Western Sydney which has already lost so much through past uncaring decisions.