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Submission re: Mamre Road Stormwater Scheme draft report Sep. 24

Dear IPART

OceanWatch Australia Ltd is a national not-for-profit environmental company that works to advance sustainability in the Australian seafood industry.

OceanWatch's key activities involve:

- enhancing fish habitats and improving water quality in estuaries and coastal environments;
- working with industry and local communities to minimise environmental impacts;
- introducing industry and communities to sustainable technologies and behaviours.

In reviewing the draft findings and recommendations OceanWatch wishes to make the following points.

1. OceanWatch supports the Government objectives and IPART review findings for the precinct. While we have no specific skillsets in assessing the costing associated with the work of HARC, WTP or Sydney Water expert advice or the design considerations we recognise the organisations as credible on the topics.
2. The stringent stormwater management targets are essential for preventing irreversible environmental damage and ensuring the long-term health of the Wianamatta-South Creek catchment.
3. The professional seafood industries capacity downstream to grow oysters or harvest seafood (Prawns, fish, squid and Eels) both inshore and offshore is greatly influenced by the health of this and other Sydney catchments and the standard being applied cannot be weakened based on purely economic reasoning.
4. If developers stand to benefit from works in the precinct they should fund the efficient costs of the stormwater scheme, including land tax and interim works. They are the primary drivers of the need for these services and appear may also benefit by It reducing their need for on-lot stormwater management, freeing up land for development and reducing overall costs.
5. Further delays are unwise. Commencing the work on the Mamre Road Stormwater Scheme immediately is essential to support timely development, protect the environment, align with the airport's operational timeline, address stakeholder concerns, and manage costs effectively.

Yours sincerely,

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