Re: Consultation on West Schofields Draft Precinct Plan

Thank you for providing the Department of Industry Water (DoI – Water) the opportunity to comment on the above proposed precinct plan and rezoning. DoI Water provides the following comments and recommendations for the Department of Planning and Environment’s consideration.

DoI - Water has reviewed the Draft Precinct Plan report and relevant technical studies and provides the following comments.

- Any proposed works on waterfront land may require Controlled Activity Approval from DoI Water (note that if works are carried out on Crown Land, it may fall under an exemption).
- Any management considerations for any riparian zones on site should be consistent with DoI Water’s Guidelines for Controlled Activities. For the revised guidelines, please refer to: https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/licensing-trade/approvals/controlled-activities
- Site roughness within the Vegetation Riparian Zones should be identified to promote maximum riparian vegetation densities.
- Any proposed de-watering across site may require a water access licence for aquifer interference activities. Please refer to https://www.industry.nsw.gov.au/water/licensing-trade/licences/types/water-access for further details on water access licences.

In regards to riparian management and protection, DoI – Water requests to be engaged during the lodgement of the development application for the proposed rezoning.

Please contact Ellie Randall, Water Regulation Officer (Wollongong) on (02) 4224 9745 or ellie.randall@nrar.nsw.gov.au if you have further enquiries regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

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