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Dear Sir

### NCC Declaration on Services Sydney Proposal

We, the signatories of this submission, are members of the North Head Community Consultative Group of Sydney Water and believe that we are in a unique position to put this application into context as seen by three active members of the community who are involved in waste water issues. We also made a submission in support of Sydney Services Application to the National Competition Council.

It is indeed encouraging to learn of NCC's decision to recommend that Services Sydney be allowed access to Sydney Water's sewerage system in order to recover water and biosolids.

We appreciate that the commercial, technical and environmental viability of Services Sydney's plans is yet to be proven, but the NCC recommendation opens the door to new and, may we say, bolder and more imaginative solutions to the major water shortage problem which Sydney is facing, particularly, in the face of the recently announced NSW Government proposal to continue with its present policies concerning water reuse.

Additionally, the adoption of the NCC draft declaration would give the private sector the opportunity to demonstrate its capability to assist in the utilisation of wastewater in Australia. It would also afford the opportunity for the private sector to work alongside the public sector in obtaining outcomes which are to the optimum advantage of Australian citizens.

We commend the NCC on its balanced assessment of the issues.

Yours faithfully

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