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**Re Draft Recommendation
Application for Declaration by Services Sydney**

Dear Sir / Madam,

Your draft decision to recognize that Sydney Water needs to modernise its practices and processes in the delivery and disposal of "waste" water is welcome. The concept of capturing wastewater before discharge through the ocean outfalls, and treating or recycling it on land is strongly supported. There are potentially massive environmental, water saving and sustainability benefits. NSW government appear to be focussing on de-salination as a solution. However, this is an outdated major engineering approach to solving the problem of water supply in our increasingly dry continent and would add significantly to the CO2 emissions that are causing global warming..

Your consideratoin is requested to apply a longer declaration period than 15 years and move closer to Services Sydney's requested 50 year period.

Subsequent public exposure, open and accountable consultative processes and interrogation of the proposal, and any contract finally entered into, should identify problems and allow for the application of adequate measures to safeguard public health and the public purse.

Yours faithfully,
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