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Subject: Attention: John Feil – Submission re. Services Sydney application under TPA (1974)

John Feil,

Executive Director, NCC

Following is my submission to support Services Sydney's application under Part 111A of TPA (1974) for a recommendation to "declare"

SW's Sewage Transmission Service and Sewage Interconnection Service.

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A sewerage system that would return effectively treated wastewater to the base of Sydney's catchment dams to enable restoration of environmental river flows would be a vastly superior system to SW's that currently returns 80-90% of Sydney's wastewater to ocean outfalls following marginal primary treatment only.

SS's application plan promises to satisfy restoration of environmental river flows while eliminating existing ocean outfalls. SS's plan is contingent upon investment in new infrastructure and use of all of SW's Sewage Reticulation Network to allow it to operate as a provider of Sewage Collection Services. The Plan is further contingent upon approval for SS to "acquire" both the Transmission and Interconnection services. SW's existing extensive and embryonic distribution network prohibits the establishment of any alternative "grassroots" competing system!

SS's deserves the right to challenge SW's Waterplan 21 as being unresponsive and inadequate to satisfy the environmental demands of the 21'st century.

Also, if put into practice (say within 10-years), SS's Plan would dramatically reduce the need for additional catchment areas to impound water for potable use.

Following acceptance of this application, a TOP technical committee should be established to solicit bids for feasibility studies to extend beyond the existing "pre-feasibility studies known as the Connel Wagner Report (2000).

From this layman's perspective, SS's application seems to serve and satisfy the original intention of TPA to stimulate competition in the provision of public services.

Sincerely,

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