

Submission from Garry Henderson received on 19 April 2004

Subject: Sydney Water's sewage system access

I am a consultant in the water/wastewater industry predominantly serving municipal clients.

I applaud the idea of competing with Sydney Water for treatment of sewage, particularly in the catchments where the effluent is discharged to the sea with only primary treatment.

I do however have some concerns regarding the public interest.

The assets are owned and maintained by Sydney Water at great expense. If they are to loose revenue to a competitor utilising the infrastructure, is that competitor then going to contribute to the maintenance of the system?

The operator will clearly be subject to all the same rules with regards to environmental and public health regulation. Provided this is correct, I would not see this as an issue.

The treatment of sewage inevitably results in solids production. Sydney Water have invested in a sustainable method of recycling the majority of the solids captured and created to land. Would a competitor have the capability of achieving a similar outcome?

These comments are my own and do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of my employer.

Regards,

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