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The Hon. Melinda Pavey
Minister for Water, Property and Housing
Parliament House, Sydney

Dear Ms Pavey

I wrote to you on February 22, seeking your engagement with the Minister for Planning and the Minister for the Environment in relation to a Sydney Water proposal regarding the specific location of an Odour Control Unit (OCU) in the Wolli Creek Valley. We have previously pointed out to you the environmental and heritage downside of the proposed location, and the desirability of the Government enabling the completion of the Wolli Creek Regional Park.

I am writing to you now to point out that the OCU, in the location proposed for it, would breach all five of the high-level guidelines/principles in the Explanation of Intended Effects (EIE) for the draft State Environmental Planning Policy 'Design and Place', recently announced by the Minister for Planning and Places.

The attached document explains where we see the failure of the Sydney Water proposal to measure up to the principles. We would like to see Government instrumentalities held to the principles proposed in the EIE, and again urge you to take the matter up with Ministers Stokes and Kean, with a view to having the location of the OCU changed and consistency established between the proposed planning principles and Government practice.

Our petition to you, the text of which I included with my previous letter, has now reached 3,590 signatures. The scale of the response in six weeks is an indication of the community's alarm at the Sydney Water proposal.

I would appreciate your response to the situation as a matter of some urgency, because Sydney Water has currently scheduled OCU construction for 'mid-2021'.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Svolos'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written on a light-colored background.

Gina Svolos
President