

Attachment 4 - Suggestions

Example brief letter

Dear Ms Pavey

I have recently learnt of Sydney Water's proposal to install a large Odour Control Unit right across the Two Valley Trail at Undercliffe. I am appalled at what this would do to the remarkable rockface of Wollli Bluff, an important local landmark. I ask that you get Sydney Water to relocate the unit to prevent this happening and avoid marring the walking pleasure of all the walkers using the Two Valley Trail, both now and in generations to come.

Yours etc

Possible things/elements to include in your letter:

- I'm a regular bushwalker in the Valley and value the wonderful natural features, so rare in this part of Sydney
- I'm keen to see the Regional Park completed, in its entirety and its wonderful natural features to remain intact
- I love the rocky outcrop and its naturalness
- I appreciate the great bushland in this area, parts of which would be destroyed
- I understand that there is an alternative option proposed by the WCPS that is potentially cheaper and less disruptive and destructive to the lovely natural environment - and it makes sense on many fronts to pursue that option if this OCU must be installed
- I appreciate the great work done by the Bluff Bushcare volunteer team who are devastated by what could happen to the area they work in, and to the regeneration work they have devotedly carried out there for more than a decade
- The area is the "eastern gateway" to the Wollli Creek Regional Park and the Wollli Track section of the Two Valley Trail (TVT), which will be badly compromised
- It will be a visual blight on the landscape that will persist into the future, and cannot be undone
- Future generations should not be deprived of the opportunity to enjoy this lovely part of the Wollli Valley
- The removal of bushland, and the cutting up of the rocky outcrop will remove habitat that animals such as birds, lizards, insects, etc use
- The area has distinctive vegetation, as well as a sense of place that is different from other areas in the Wollli Valley
- It would mar the wonderful views that can be gained from Wollli Bluff
- In 1967, there was a proposal to destroy another iconic sandstone outcrop in the Wollli Valley at Nannygoat Hill; fortunately, this was prevented by community protest. (see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_oA3KXg519I & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4iHdRfPNzsU>) Surely 52 years later we should not be thinking of doing similar things

What to do with your correspondence

- Send it to Minister Pavey: Go to <https://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/ministers/minister-for-water-property-and-housing/> where you can upload up to three attachments, limit 3MB each, maybe your letter and photos.

Mail address - The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing, GPO Box 5341, Sydney, 2001

- Also send a copy of your letter with a brief covering sentence, telling them you have written to Minister Pavey, to one or more of the following:

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Rob Stokes <https://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/ministers/minister-for-planning-and-public-spaces/>

The Minister for the Energy and Environment, Matthew Kean <https://www.nsw.gov.au/your-government/ministers/minister-for-energy-and-environment/>

MP for Canterbury, Sophie Cotsis canterbury@parliament.nsw.gov.au

MP for Kogarah, & former Shadow Minister for Water, Chris Minns kogarah@parliament.nsw.gov.au

The Shadow Minister for Water, Clayton Barr cessnock@parliament.nsw.gov.au

The Shadow Minister for Planning, Adam Searle adam.searle@parliament.nsw.gov.au

The Shadow Minister for Environment, Kate Washington portstephens@parliament.nsw.gov.au

(Some of the above portals for politicians will also give you the links to their Facebook pages, and in some cases Twitter.)

- Post a social media comment summarising your letter; include your photo at the site.
- If you belong to a Walking Club or group, encourage fellow walkers to send a response
- Write a letter to local newspapers

If you think of other things members might do please let us know so that we can pass additional ideas on.