

Subject

Proposed Sydney Water OCU Unit at Undercliffe NSW

Type of Enquiry

comment

Message

Dear Minister Pavey,

I am most concerned about Sydney Water's proposal to install new infrastructure - an Odour Control Unit (OCU) - near Unwins St. Undercliffe in the Wollli Creek Valley in inner south west Sydney. The large concrete slab, tanks and associated piping would be placed right across the regionally significant Two Valley Trail (TVT), and affecting the native bushland at Undercliffe. This bushland track is traversed by thousands of people each year, with people from all over Sydney as well as from outside Sydney travelling to walk its length. It is amazing that it is still here in such a densely built up suburban area, and with Sydney airport for example so close.

I am not only appalled at what the OCU would do to the remarkable rockface of Wollli Bluff, an important local landmark, but also at the destruction of some of the associated bushland that would be required, and the habitat that it provides. I am a volunteer Bushcare worker with the Wollli Creek Preservation Society, and have worked at Wollli Bluff, contributing my time to reduce weeds and other threats to the bushland there. It is a beautiful landscape, with, by my own quick, but informed count at least 22 native terrestrial plant species in the area that would be affected. I am aware of a proposal in 1967 that would have resulted in the demolition of another lovely, significant sandstone landmark in the Wollli Valley (an area known as Nannygoat Hill). Thankfully sense was seen even back that long ago, and recognition given to the natural environment, so that that area was preserved for generations such as mine to enjoy and appreciate. I can't believe that in 2019 we would be talking about destroying and defacing this natural environment at the TVT location near Unwins St. I understand that members of the Wollli Creek Preservation Society (WCPS) have been meeting with Sydney Water staff over the past year, and that WCPS has written to you and proposed an alternative site which would not involve such environmental destruction and could well be cheaper. I support that correspondence from the WCPS. Once this natural environment has been scarred and marred in the way proposed it cannot be undone.

I ask that you get Sydney Water to relocate the unit to prevent such a negative impact on the environment there, and avoid marring the walking pleasure of all the walkers using the Two Valley Trail, both now and for future generations of walkers.

They say that a picture tells a 1000 words. Well I am including two of these so that you may see exactly what we would lose/scar

Yours sincerely

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