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Dear Mr Nicholls

Thank you for your letter dated 29 August 2024, advising that IPART requires an extension to deliver the review of Sydney Water's Stormwater Scheme in Mamre Road.

I accept the reasoning provided and agree to extend the delivery date of the final report to 21 November 2024, and the draft report to September 2024.

I welcome your continued collaboration with my department to meet the revised timeframes and to advise on key findings in a timely manner. It is critical for the IPART report to meet the requirements set out in the terms of reference to give the government confidence that the regional stormwater scheme is delivered in a fair and cost-effective manner

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Ms Zarah Anver, Director Urban Water Strategy, Policy and Programs, on [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED].

Sincerely

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Anthony Lean  
**Secretary**

9 September 2024

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29 August 2024

Anthony Lean  
Secretary, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the  
Environment and Water

via email

Dear Mr Lean

### **Extension request for IPART Review of Sydney Water's Stormwater Scheme in Mamre Road**

I am writing to request formal agreement to extend the delivery date for our Final Report to 21 November 2024 with a Draft Report in September 2024.

Several factors contribute to our need for an extension. We experienced delays finding a suitably qualified stormwater engineering consultant who could provide expert, independent advice. Many consultants had already worked for Sydney Water in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis or declined to quote due to potential conflicts with future work. Once engaged, our consultant faced additional delays due to a lack of documentation, missing information and inconsistencies in what was modelled and costed in the design.

We are now on track to publish a Draft Report in September. However, we anticipate that key stakeholders, including the Mamre Landowner's Group (MLOG) and local councils, will need adequate time to review and respond to our draft findings and recommendations. Engagement with local councils will be affected by their upcoming caretaker period.

We plan to a public hearing mid-October and submissions to our Draft Report will be due by 18 October. A short extension to 21 November 2024 will ensure our advice to Government is robust and considers all stakeholder feedback. Given the importance of the Mamre Road Stormwater Scheme as the first stage of a complex integrated water cycle plan for the Aerotropolis, we will endeavour to deliver our report as early as possible.

This extension does not affect our costs of conducting the review. We look forward to continued engagement with your department throughout the review. IPART's contact officer for this review is Scott Chapman, Director, Pricing and Policy, contactable on 9290 8449.

Yours sincerely

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