



30 September 2021

Mr Robert Aposhian  
Principal Analyst  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)  
Via: [IPART Lodge a Submission webpage](#)

Dear Mr Aposhian

### **Narara Ecovillage application to vary licences - submission from Central Coast Council**

Council has reviewed the submission by Narara Ecovillages (NEV) to vary its network operators and retail suppliers licences. The application seeks to:

- Extend the current area of operations to allow disposal of collected sewage direct to Central Coast Council's (CCC) sewer main
- Remove Aquacell Pty Ltd as the Authorised Person and replace them with Innaco Pty Ltd
- Amend the licence scope to remove the clauses permitting NEV to treat and provide drinking water and to treat sewage and to change the non-potable water clauses to permit treatment of dam water for authorised uses.

The NEV currently has a water supply and sewerage connection to the Council networks. Council understands future stages of development are planned that will further require additional utilisation of Council's network assets. Any future development at the NEV will require an application to Council under Section 305 of the Water Management Act and will include the assessment of Water Supply and Sewerage Developer Charges payable. Council notes that the NEV operate a non-potable water supply scheme at the site and this is considered in the determination of Developer Charges payable in accordance with Council's Southern Region Water Supply and Sewerage Development Servicing Plan (DSP).

Council notes that the NEV has expressed an intention to request a non regulated pricing agreement based on a 'retail minus' approach. Council has advised the NEV that the first step is for them to outline the services it believes should be considered as retail minus elements. Council also notes that it has not allowed for any reduction in its forecast revenue associated with a retail minus pricing agreement as part of its current pricing submission for Water, Sewerage and Stormwater Drainage Services.



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If you have any further questions in regards to the NEV site, please contact Mr [REDACTED],  
Section Manager Assets and Planning in the first instance via

Yours sincerely

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