

Objection to
Catherine Hill Bay Water Utility Pty Ltd - Network Operator Variation

Currently Approved Licence 16_035

I would like to register my objection to the proposed licence variation by Solo Water Pty Ltd.

The current licence states that “All wastewater produced in the scheme is managed onsite within the footprint of the approved residential subdivision by a combination of non-potable reuse at individual lots and via controlled irrigation of public space” (refer para.4.2.6, 4.3.6).

A variation of this licence to enable approximately 162,000 litres of wastewater per day of reduced treatment quality to be pumped into a creek system that flows through the heritage residential area and onto Catherine Hill Bay Beach approx. 50 metres from the patrolled area beggars belief. The application highlights the arrogance of a provider trying to manipulate a standing approval to enable a more economical outcome for themselves, as the developer Rose Group is planning to sell areas 6 and 7 thus reducing the options of managing the wastewater from the Beaches Estate within it's footprint.

The houses in the heritage village of Catherine Hill bay are either on pump out systems or biocycle systems and undergo strict controls imposed by the Lake Macquarie City Council. The council makes additional charges to rate payers in CHB for mandatory pump-outs and cartage off site of the effluent from **their** septic systems and biocycle systems have to comply with the council's strict regulations and operate within the landowners property. There is no effluent getting into the creek system from the heritage township.

Conclusion

Solo Water should be required to meet the requirements of the original licence and deal with the waste created by Beaches Estate as originally proposed.

If they cannot achieve this then they should be required to transport any waste they cannot manage on their property to a recognised treatment facility or alternatively they should connect Beaches Estate to the sewerage system at Swansea as originally intended.

Yours faithfully

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