

Since the inception of Catherine Hill Bay 150 years ago, the beach has been renowned for its pollution free pristine condition, even winning awards for its cleanliness, thanks to the efforts of the local community.

It has recently been revealed that Solo Water has applied to IPART for an amendment to its licence, seeking a variation of the discharged treated effluent from the new development, Beaches Estate. This amendment differs significantly from the original operating licence procedure, that all wastewater produced in the scheme, be managed onsite of the approved residential subdivision, which was granted on the basis that no discharge of any liquid of any kind, be discharged to the environment outside the development area.

Implementation of the proposed licence variation would allow treated effluent to be discharged into a water course, traversing into a lagoon (where children play) and onto the beach. The Catherine Hill Bay community has serious concerns for the environmental impact on public health and safety, in this heritage area.

I believe this to be a travesty of justice; therefore I vehemently oppose the amendment variation and am strongly of the view that a full Environmental Impact Study be executed.