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MEMBER FOR SWANSEA



Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal NSW
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To whom it may concern,

RE: Catherine Hill Bay Network Operator Variation

I write to lodge my objections and those of the community in relation to the above variation proposal by Solo Water.

I have met with members of the Catherine Hill Bay community, and residents of the surrounding suburbs, who have raised their concerns with me directly about the potential environmental impact, should the variation be approved by IPART.

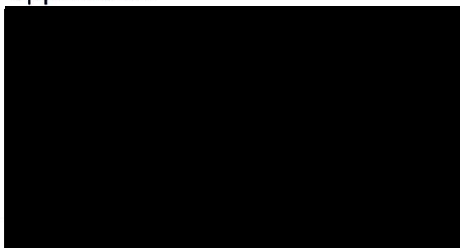
I understand that the variation involves a change to the method in which surplus recycled water will be returned to the environment and will allow for offsite discharge.

Naturally, both I and the community are very concerned about contamination risks and the impact on the environment.

I have been contacted by the Catherine Hill Bay Board Riders Club, the Nords Wharf Progress Association, Australia Beach Ambassador Brad Farmer and the Catherine Hill Bay Progress Association, who have all raised similar concerns.

They are concerned that the variation involves downgrading the treatment process from reverse osmosis to ultraviolet filtration which will have an adverse impact on public health and the environment. They are also concerned that it could jeopardise tourism opportunities, as Catherine Hill Bay is a very popular and pristine location in Lake Macquarie.

I ask that you take these concerns into consideration when making a determination on this application.



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