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To who it may concern.

Reference: Proposed development at Catherine Hill Bay. Development Consent (Major Project) MP10/0204.

My comments / questions / objections to this development follows with reference to the Application Sections:

1. Section 3.1.1 – Catherine Hill Bay Water Utility Pty Ltd – why has this been set up and where does that leave the likes of Rose Group OR Solo Water re;
  - a. General and Public Liability Insurances
  - b. Bank Guarantees if company goes into receivership and installation cannot be serviced, and therefore residents cannot live in their homes
  - c. Professional Indemnity Insurance

Is this type of company set up to protect the consumer or the developer?

2. 3.2.5 “Retail Service to Customers” sounds very much like the privately owned tunnels and freeways around Sydney. They virtually monopolies the main access roads to the city and are able to creep prices up on a regular basis. To have the water supply managed by a private company supplying water to the needs of a relatively small community “smells” of heading down a similar path to the tunnel / freeway privatization. Is this the best long term and sustainable situation for the community?
3. 3.2.5 - Stage 2 Validation / Commissioning Nov 2017 (Class “A+” = laundry / toilet flushing / outdoor cleaning / irrigation) and commence retail service to customers January 2018. Stage 2 to commence when 240 lots are developed (MAY NEVER HAPPEN IF 240 Lots are not developed). The customer will suffer!!!!!!

If Murrays Beach is any indication of how quickly the Rose development will reach 240 lots, it could be well into the 2020s when Stage 2 can even be considered. What impact will this have on the overall project and what will be the ongoing cost to the customers? What will they do if they cannot flush their toilets until January 2018??? Class A water will only be available up until January 2018, that is for the watering of public spaces!!!!!!!!!!!!This is not stated in the submission and needs to be.

4. 3.3.1 – Bank Guarantee or something similar needs to be included in the agreement because if CHBWU or Solo default for whatever reason then the customer will suffer. Then needs to be a safety net for the customer to guarantee 100% supply.
5. 3.3.2 – Australian Insurance Solutions and Golfpac need to be researched to ensure they are reputable insurance groups that have the ability to pay if there is a claimable event. Insurance cover needs to include “Increased Cost of Work” in the event of a major component / system failure as well as compensation to the customer.

6. 3.5.1 mentions bushfire studies yet the Solo Brochure's Onsite Waste Water Management Plan shows no fires breaks against a vast area of bushland! Needs confirmation prior to any approval.
7. 3.7.1 – hard to know what the truth is particularly when Rose's original Development Consent Plan states "A water servicing strategy has been agreed with Hunter Water, a sewer servicing strategy has also been agreed"

Now, Solo is saying they have an agreement with Wyong to supply potable water – is this statement true, accurate and correct OR are they negotiating with Wyong Council, i.e. as yet no signed agreement. This question needs to be confirmed before any development approval is given.

Section 4.1.6 states "supply agreement is being entered into with Wyong Shire". This contradicts the above statement which says Solo has an agreement with Wyong Shire"

8. 4.1.2 – is a 200mm dia. HDPE pipe suitable for community potable water? With all the development planned for Munmorah is this 200 mm dia pipe realistic and sustainable – has this been considered??

Pipeline is 6km long, has bushfire protection for this line been considered?

9. 4.1.4 – states "CHBWT has entered into a bulk supply agreement with Wyong Shire". If this is correct then "good" but if not correct – then how can we trust a company that tells lies?
10. One of the biggest running costs for such a plant is power. If the technology is meant to be cutting edge then the system should be encouraged to include solar power so that the cost to the customer is kept to a minimum. Planet 21 and other leading environmentally friendly organisations would applaud CHBWT and Solo if they installed solar panels on their sheds which will have a roof area of probably at least ¼ acre. For this project to be sustainable and eco as well as people friendly the solar should be an integral part of the project. Again, customer first!

This project application is currently like a piece of Swiss Cheese with way to many holes and I look forward to your comments on the above.

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