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Water Price Structures in the Sydney Basin,  
Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal  
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**Re: Submission to IPART NSW on the proposed Sydney Water funding Allocation for Sewage Improvement Works in the Manly Area.**

In November 2004, Sydney Water Corporation presented the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal with its submission on the Tribunal's determination of Sydney Water expenditure and demand forecasts and the resulting revenue requirements. Sydney Water made a submission that \$45million was the figure required to maintain and improve Sydney Water assets in Manly and neighbouring areas to a state necessary for maintaining and improving the integrity of the natural assets which 6 million tourists enjoy each year.

As this figure is ultimately governed by IPART for determination, Manly and Warringah Councils, as per the Sydney Water / Manly Council Partnership Committee, are formerly writing in support of the proposed \$45million funding allocation.

Manly and Warringah Councils feel they have for too long carried the burden of "hosting" a sewage treatment facility and subsequent impacts such as sewage overflows, exfiltration and heavy vehicle traffic resulting in the degradation of natural waterways including Manly Lagoon, Middle Harbour and Manly Beaches.

This is supported through:

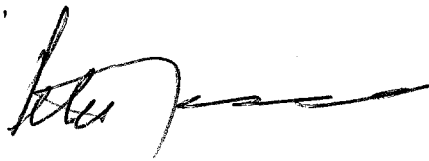
- Independent automated storm event monitoring undertaken by the University of Western Sydney which shows faecal coliform counts exceeding event mean concentration of 500,000 cfu/100ml over 4 years from prioritised stormwater pipes leading directly into Manly Beach and Manly Lagoon.
- Streamwatch monitoring within Manly Lagoon indicating faecal coliform counts in excess of 4000 cfu/100ml. This figure is considered very high given the open water body and dilution factor.
- Beachwatch results indicating elevated faecal coliform counts at Queenscliff Beach, the location where Manly Lagoon drains onto Manly Beach.
- Overflow re-occurrences in excess of the licence agreement within Manly and Warringah LGA's.

- Age of infrastructure in Manly and the dilapidated state of the infrastructure herein (Photographic evidence of this can be produced upon request).

*(data can be forward upon request)*

Manly and Warringah Council's feel the significance of the natural features to the regional, state and global tourism industry in addition to the significance of the nationally heritage listed Manly Ocean Beach (register of the National Estate) and those values held by the local community warrant the proposed allocation of \$45 million to the Manly area. Please contact Council's Water Cycle Management Officer, Paul Smith on 9976 1519 if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Macdonald', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Peter Macdonald  
**Mayor of Manly**