



29 June 2016

Mr Matt Kendall
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Dear Mr Kendall

Options for future management of WSUD assets

Thank you for the opportunity to provide Icon Water's views on options relating to Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) assets and to continue to engage with the Environment and Planning Directorate (EPD) regarding matters impacting the management of water resources in the ACT.

This letter provides a written response to the consultations with EPD staff and Marsden Jacobs consultants on 9 June 2016, regarding the Marsden Jacobs Options Paper: *Pre-feasibility Assessment of Alternative Management and Funding Models for Sustainable Operation and Maintenance of Stormwater WQ Assets in the ACT* (the Paper).

As you are aware, Icon Water has undertaken significant work to gain insight into stormwater arrangements in other jurisdictions, including the pros and cons of various stormwater operating models. The analysis has enabled Icon Water to identify the preferred arrangements that align with our business and offer future opportunities for integrated water cycle management. Notwithstanding this analysis, further due diligence assessments will be required to continue to inform future decisions. There may also be nuances in the ACT that require variations from the identified preferred approach to arise. In such case, Icon Water will continue working to explore further the merits of any suggested arrangements.

The attachments provide the record of Icon Water's prefeasibility findings of preferred arrangements, and the Minutes of the meeting on 9 June 2016.

The water industry and Governments at all levels across Australia are considering a broadened role of the water utility to unlock the value of stormwater. At our strategy session with Icon Water's ACT Government Shareholders in November 2015, I discussed that Icon Water is interested in exploring the feasibility of a broader role in stormwater in the ACT. At our first Community Consultation Forum in June 2016, Icon Water was propositioned by the community representatives to play a larger role in the management of stormwater for the ACT. In June 2016, the Icon Water Board was briefed and noted the approach that management is undertaking to assess the opportunities and risks of the WSUD project.

I understand the various approaches considered in the Paper, which have been supplemented by discussions at the Directors General Water Group and with your team. I note that further consultation with key stakeholders will be undertaken prior to formal presentation to Cabinet in mid July 2016.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Bronwen Butterfield, Manager Environment and Sustainability (Email: **Personal information**) to engage further on this matter.

Yours sincerely



John Knox
Managing Director

Enclosed:

Attachment 1 – Icon Water Pre-Feasibility Assessment of WSUD Assets.

Attachment 2 – Minutes of meeting 9 June 2016