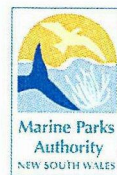


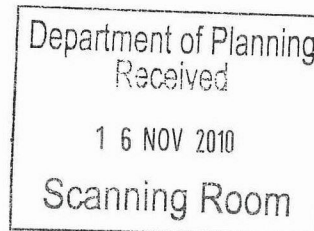


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Marine Parks Authority



Lisa Pemberton
NSW Department of Planning
23-33 Bridge Street
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Your ref: MP06_0183



8th November 2010

Dear Lisa,

RE: Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for Proposed Mixed Use Development, 147 Soldier's Point Road, Soldier's Point

Reference is made to your letter dated 29th September 2010 and the Environmental Assessment of the above redevelopment. It is noted that because the proposal may have an impact on the Port Stephens – Great Lakes Marine Park, referral to the Marine Park Authority (the MPA) was necessary. Thank you for forwarding the proposal to the Marine Parks Authority for comment.

The Marine Parks Authority supports any reduction in impervious areas on-site and the utilisation of rainwater resources as proposed. Whilst acknowledging that this is a redevelopment with limited scope for the type of measures that follow, we would however like to take the opportunity to promote more aggressive water quality improvement solutions that appear not to be considered in the Water Management, Flooding, and Coastal Processes Report. For instance, relatively simple yet highly effective water quality improvement structures like bioretention pods and trenches, pollutant traps, and the greater utilisation of green strips on-site will further reduce nitrogen loads and suspended solids entering the marine park from discharge points. These are featured in the Water Quality Improvement Plan undertaken by Great Lakes Council, and can be found on their website at

http://www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au/content/public/environment/plans_and_strategies.

Yours sincerely

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