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Dear Ms Murray,

RE: Planning Proposal – Council owned Public Reserve Land at Retford Park Bowral and Anembo Street Moss Vale (PP-2021-4964)

Thank you for your referral of 2 September 2021 seeking to amend the *Wingecarribee Local Environmental Plan 2010* (WLEP) to rezone two Public Reserves from R2 Low Density Residential to RE1 Public Recreation, and to remove the current minimum lot size (MLS) provisions. WaterNSW has no objection to the Planning Proposal as it will decrease the range of land uses available for development and better secure the lands for open space purposes. Council has also clarified that both parcels are classified as 'community land' so the rezoning will help support this classification.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Drinking Water Catchment) 2011.

The Planning Proposal notes the healthy catchments and water quality aims of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Drinking Water Catchment) 2011* (SDWC SEPP). We believe the proposed RE1 zoning for both parcels of land are consistent with the SDWC SEPP and support greater opportunities for achievement of a neutral or beneficial effect on water quality.

Direction 5.2 Sydney Drinking Water Catchment

The Planning Proposal responds to Direction 5.2 noting that the objective of the Direction is to protect water quality in the SDWC. The Proposal notes that it is consistent with the Direction and the proposed changes in zoning and MLS do not impact on the SDWC SEPP. We note that rezoning of the land to RE1 will also help secure the land for open space, protecting groundcover and therefore assisting in water quality protection. Strategic Land and Water Capability Assessments (SLWCAs) are not appropriate in this circumstance as we do not hold SLWCAs for recreation or public open space purposes. We believe that the Proposal is consistent with Direction 5.2 as stated.

Should you have any questions on the above matters, please contact Stuart Little (stuart.little@watarnsw.com.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Kniha", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ALISON KNIHA
Catchment Protection Planning Manager