

Water & Wastewater Subcommittee Report

November, 2015



Members of the SIRA Water and Waste Water Working Group met with Rob Stokes to discuss Wastewater, Water and other matters on August 24.

Rob confirmed the NSW Government's commitment for connecting the sewerage to Scotland Island as per the December 2012, NSW Government Northern Beaches Regional Action Plan. This is a view he has communicated with the Minister for Lands and Water, the Hon. Niall Blair.

Rob has brokered the establishment of a **Scotland Island Sewerage Working Group** with representatives from Sydney Water, Pittwater Council and residents of Scotland Island to progress this issue. The first meeting of this group is planned for some time later this year.

Rob's office is preparing some broad Terms of Reference for this group that will include some timelines. **The sticking point will be the degree of financial contribution that Sydney Water will be seeking from residents.** You will recall that our only mandate, as per the survey, is that the only cost to residents be to connect household plumbing systems to the Sydney Water System.

SIRA has written to the Hon. Niall Blair requesting that the Government direct Sydney Water under the *State Owned Corporations Act 1989 (NSW)* to schedule the installation of sewerage services on Scotland Island within this current licence term and also a meeting with the Minister to discuss the health and environmental issues associated with the lack of an accessible sewerage system.

Action: Followup calls x 2 made to Minister's office

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