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Dear Mr Gye

I refer to your letter to the Chair and CEO of the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Mr Barry Buffier dated 15 December 2014 regarding Sydney Water's Operating Licence and the Priority Sewerage Program (PSP). I am replying on behalf of Mr Buffier.

The PSP was originally announced by the NSW Government in 1997 to provide funding assistance for the provision of improved sewerage services in priority areas. PSP obligations have been included in Sydney Water's current and previous operating licences. These licences are issued by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).

The EPA does not have a role in determining PSP obligations in Sydney Water's operating licences. The EPA was involved in the environmental assessments of nominated areas between 1997 and 2002. However, final priorities for funding assistance were determined by the then Minister for Utilities by considering the outcomes of the environmental assessments, along with other operational, economic and social factors identified by the relevant water utilities.

IPART includes Sydney Water's PSP delivery obligations in its five-year operating licences. I understand that the Scotland Island Residents' Association has made a submission to IPART's current review of Sydney Water's 2010-2015 operating licence.

If you would like to make further enquiries related to the provision of sewerage and potable water infrastructure to Scotland Island, please contact Ms Kaye Power, Senior Technical Analyst at IPART on 9113 7753 or alternatively by sending correspondence to:

Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART)  
PO Box K35  
Haymarket Post Shop NSW 1240  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Giselle Howard' followed by the date '12/1/15'.

**GISELLE HOWARD**  
**Director Metropolitan**  
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