

## Wolli Creek Preservation Society Inc.

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Ms Melinda Pavey  
Minister for Water  
Parliament House, Sydney

Dear Ms Pavey

The Wolli Creek Preservation Society has a new compromise proposal to offer in relation to Sydney Water's proposed Odour Control Unit in Wolli Valley.

The proposal has become possible because of information obtained from Sydney Water under GIPA legislation. While the key information sought was redacted, and we have numerous detailed objections to the site comparison reported, the Site Assessment Technical Note released to us nonetheless provided sufficient information to enable this new proposal to be developed.

WCPS comments on the Technical Note are attached. The overall conclusions reached are:

- The impact on No.20 Unwin St from our alternative site is made unbearable by the awkward E-W orientation that Sydney Water chose for siting the OCU.
- Even with that E-W orientation, the alternative site is actually preferable to the original one, apart from the impact on No.20.
- WCPS has a new proposal that significantly reduces the impact on No.20.

Our new proposal is a positive contribution that resolves the concerns that WCPS has while overcoming many of Sydney Water's. The new proposal:

- still makes use of No. 22 Unwin St (WCPS's alternative site)
- **does not require the acquisition of No.20 Unwin St**
- stays essentially within the restricted area identified by Sydney Water as suitable for construction of the OCU (shown on Technical Note p6)
- uses only the same design elements identified for Sydney Water's own site, and has the exhaust pipes crossing the SWOOS site at the same point
- **significantly increases the separation of the OCU from the residence at No.20**
- **allows for vegetation screening and a sound barrier between the OCU and No. 20**
- provides better screening from the OCU for the heritage listed SWOOS
- provides for the maintenance crane a hardstand that is off-track (off the pathway shared with the Two Valley Trail)

The proposal depends on the availability of a short section of isolated road reservation. This is Council land, and we have every confidence that its surrender by Canterbury-Bankstown City Council will be readily agreed to.

The attached diagrams explain what is now proposed:

1. the proposed reassignment of land ownership involving the road reservation
2. the layout Sydney Water proposed for its original location (Technical Note p11, Option A)
3. the proposed new layout (Option W).
4. Option W showing the detail of the proposal
5. the layout Sydney Water proposed for the alternative location (Technical Note p12, Option B)

We understand that Sydney Water is now taking additional steps to redesign its project and will redo its Multi-Criteria Analysis of Unwin St options for the OCU in the last quarter of 2021. We seek your commitment to having that analysis include our new alternative proposal, with a full on-site engineering investigation of it, not just the desktop one conducted for Sydney Water's version reported in the Technical Note. Your early response would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

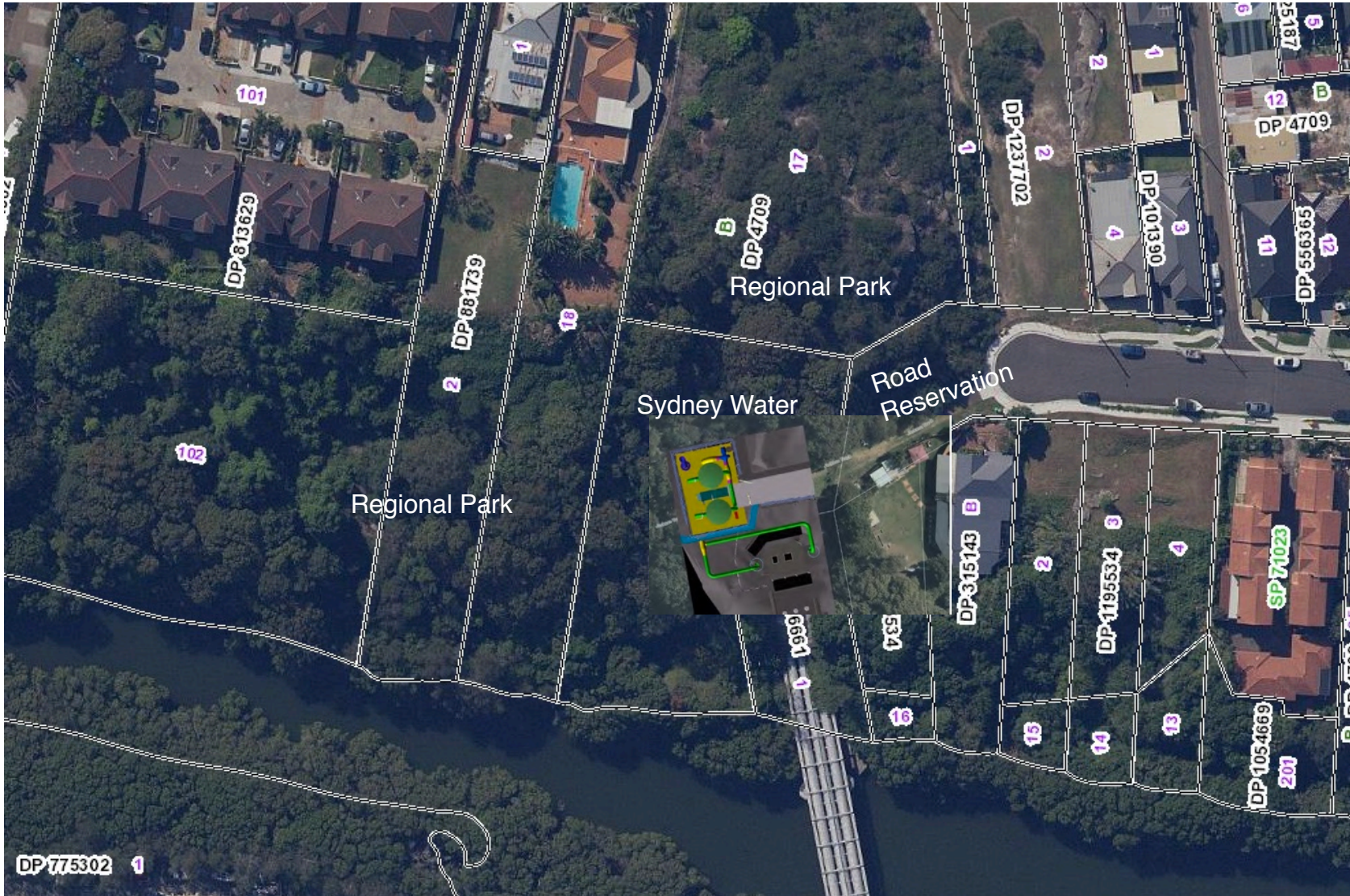
Signed and submitted by web form on 28 July 2021

Gina Svolos  
President



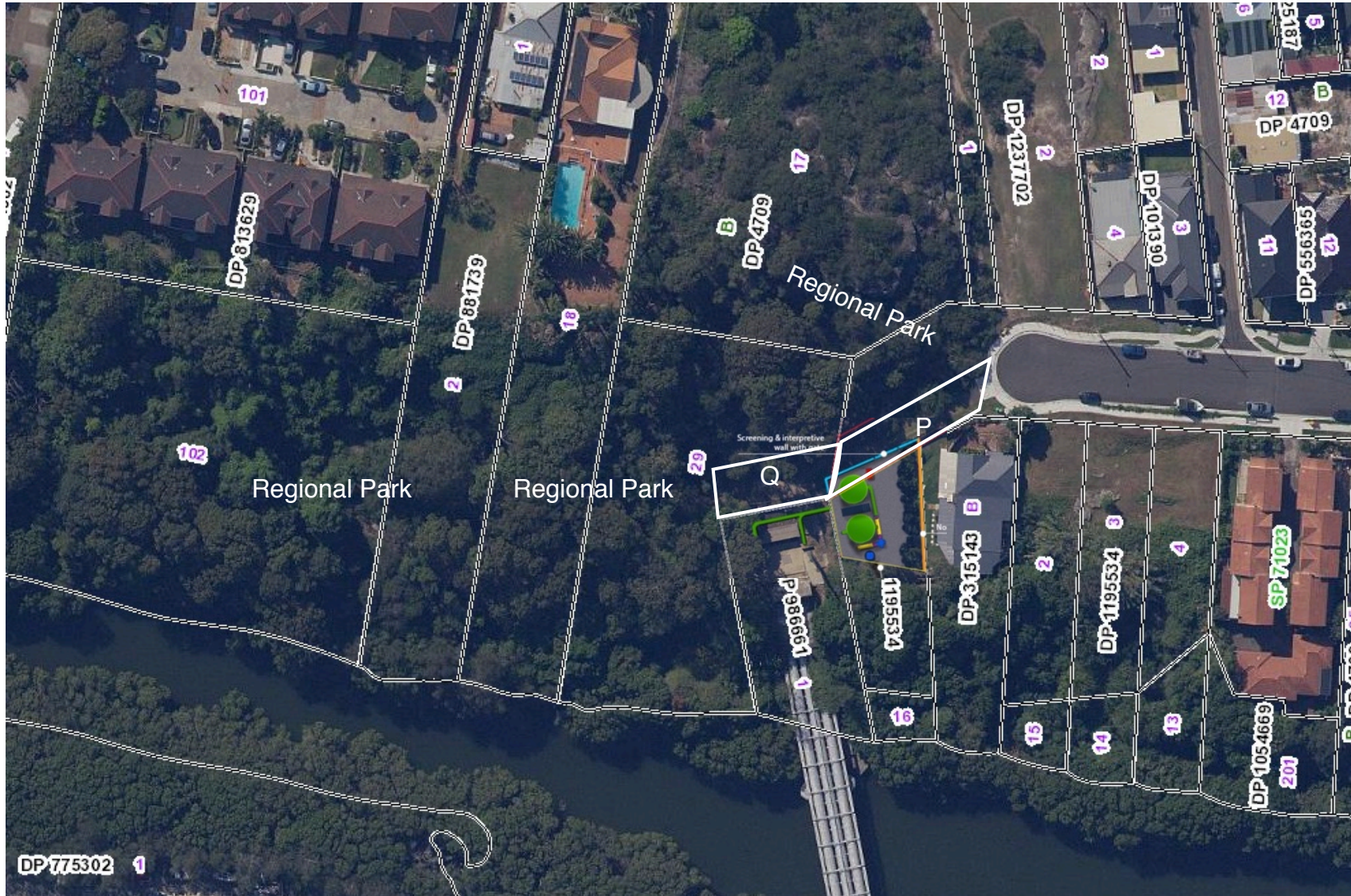


**Diagram 2 - Option A**  
**Sydney Water's original site proposal**  
**showing the wider context and nearby**  
**residences to E and NW**



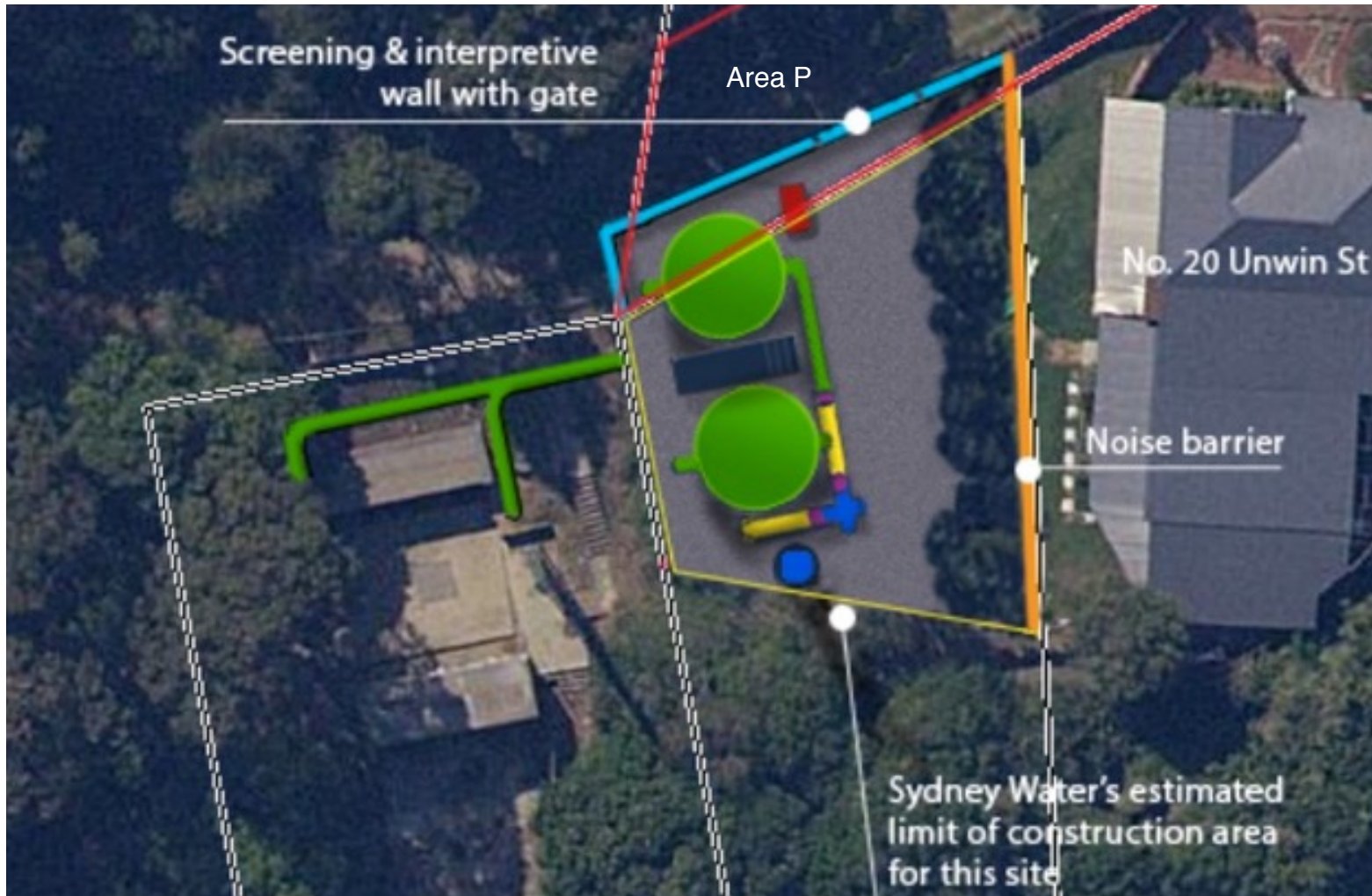


**Diagram 3 - Option W**  
**Wolli Creek Preservation Society revised proposal**  
**for the alternative site**  
**showing the wider context and nearby residences**





**Diagram 4 - Option W**  
**Wolli Creek Preservation Society**  
**revised proposal for the alternative site**  
**showing the detail**



The OCU slab is within the estimated limit of construction except for a small extension into the road reservation, which Sydney Water didn't investigate but is probably as stable as the land within the limit.

The extension of the OCU slab into the road reservation is only up to where there are already encroachments upon it – the width of the existing unformed access track is unchanged.

**Diagram 5 - Option B**  
**Sydney Water's proposal for the alternative site**  
**showing the proximity to No.20 Unwin St and**  
**extra pipework required**

