

4 December 2023

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Re: Request for in-principle support for the Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Maintenance Compliance Framework.

Dear Daniel,

I write to you on behalf of the Cooks River Alliance regarding your request for in-principle support as per correspondence dated 11 October 2023 (Attached).

The Cooks River Alliance recognises that a significant proportion of WSUD systems fall under private ownership and that, based on available evidence, the majority of these systems are unlikely to be maintained at a standard necessary to ensure their proper function. Consequently, the following benefits are general not being achieved despite the considerable private and public resources being spent in planning and implementing these measures:

- Potable water savings for individual properties
- Statewide water security improvements
- Climate change resilience (water security, flood mitigation, land surface temperature mitigation).
- Environmental protection of urban waterways and oceanic receiving waters.

As such, there is dire need for a framework like that being proposed by you / Ocean Protect that will (1) address this problem while (2) providing market certainty for the industry, allowing it to build up the resources NSW desperately needs to meet the environmental, water security, and climate change challenges confronting the State of NSW both now and into the future.

So, consistent with Focus Area 1 of the Cooks River Alliance Strategic Plan 2022-25, *River health*, we offer our in-principal support accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Andrew Thomas
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13 October 2023

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RE: Request for support for the Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Maintenance Compliance Framework

Dear Andrew,

I am writing to you, in your capacity as Executive Officer of Cooks River Alliance, to request in-principle support from Cooks River Alliance for the Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Maintenance Compliance Framework.

The WSUD Maintenance Compliance Framework looks to provide Australian Councils with materials and information (via wsudcompliance.com.au) that they will likely need to implement and operate their own WSUD maintenance compliance programs. This provides the Australian stormwater industry an opportunity to improve WSUD maintenance compliance, seeing a range of environmental, economic, and social benefits for Australia. Due to the benefits this brings to the Australian stormwater industry (such as to your member councils), I believe that there would be interest and reason for Cooks River Alliance to provide in-principle support for this Framework.

It should be noted that the WSUD Maintenance Compliance Framework is a project for the recently started [National WSUD Compliance Network](#). Ocean Protect initiated both the Framework and Network, but the goal is that this Framework becomes a collaborative project for the Australian stormwater industry that is the responsibility of the industry through the Network. Ocean Protect will help establish the Framework and Network, and then will look to pass responsibility to an appropriate organisation or individual capable of effectively managing such a Framework and Network.

Further information is available at wsudcompliance.com.au. However, please contact me if you or anyone else would like to discuss this further.

Kind Regards,



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