

**RECORD OF MINISTER'S OPINION FOR THE PURPOSES OF CLAUSE 6A OF  
THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (MAJOR PROJECTS) 2005**

I, the Minister for Planning, have formed the opinion that the development described in the Schedule below, is development of a kind that is described in Schedule 5 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005 – namely Clause 1 "Kurnell Desalination Plant" - and is thus declared to be a critical infrastructure project pursuant to section 75C of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.



Frank Sartor MP  
**Minister for Planning**

Sydney,

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**SCHEDULE 1**

The project described in the application made by Sydney Water Corporation on 10 November 2005 (project application reference: 05-0082), being the project described in section 4 of the application as follows:

*Sydney's Desalination Project:* construction and operation of a desalination plant on the Kurnell Peninsula, and associated infrastructure, with a capital investment value of more than \$10 million for the purposes of the supply of up to 500 megalitres of drinking water per day.

This includes:

- 1) intake/inlet and outlet pipelines to draw seawater into the plant and return seawater concentrate to the ocean (including tunnelling under Botany Bay National Park);
- 2) pipelines and/ or tunnels from the plant across Botany Bay to the Sydney Water Corporation water supply system for the distribution of drinking water;
- 3) pipelines from the plant to Miranda water supply system for the distribution of drinking water;
- 4) the connection of the plant to the electricity grid; and
- 5) temporary laydown areas for construction use.