Record of opinion for the purposes of clause 6(1) of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Major Projects) 2005

I, the Minister for Planning, on 30 August 2005 formed the opinion that the development described in the Schedule below, is development of a kind that is described in Schedule 1 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Major projects) 2005* – namely item 25(2) "Development for the purpose of desalination plants that has a capital investment value of more than \$10 million for drinking water supply" – and is thus declared to be a project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* applies for the purposes of Section 75B of the Act.

Schedule

Development carried out by or on behalf of Sydney Water Corporation for the purposes of constructing and operating a desalination plant on the Kurnell Peninsula for the supply of up to 500 megalitres of drinking water per day.

Desalination plant in this context means a plant used to obtain drinking water from seawater, and includes:

- (a) inlet and outlet pipelines to draw water into the plant and return seawater concentrate to the ocean (including tunnelling under Botany Bay Park), and
- (b) pipelines from the plant across Botany Bay to the Sydney Water Corporation water supply system for the distribution of drinking water (including tunnelling under Botany Bay), and
- (c) pipelines from the plant to Miranda water supply system for the distribution of drinking water, and
- (d) the connection of the plant to the electricity grid, and

(e) temporary laydown areas for construction.

Frank Sartor

Minister for Planning

Date: 25 Oct 2005