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To whom it may concern

**RE: BYFORD TOWNSITE – DRAINAGE AND WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN DRAFT REPORT**

The Urban Development Institute of Australia (WA) has been asked to review the Byford DWMP draft report and provide comment to the Department of Water. The report was circulated to our members and I believe several companies have prepared individual responses which will provide feedback on technical issues that will be useful to you. Particular issues relate to the validity of data utilised in the report.

While the document provides the basic criteria for developers to proceed to an Urban Water Management Plan, a subdivision application and then development, UDIA has serious reservations about the capacity of the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale to accept bio-retention systems and retention storage. In fact, the experience of our members working within the Shire leads us to conclude that the Department of Water must take the lead and instruct the Shire in water management planning.

We hope you find these comments instructive and I alert you to the individual responses from UDIA member organisations that I believe have been prepared in response to the draft Byford Townsite BWMP.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debra Goostrey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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