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RE: Lot 2, 471 Nicholls Rivulet Rd, Oyster Cove – Prelim Onsite Wastewater System Assessment

Dear Mark.

We have undertaken a desktop assessment of Lot 2, 471 Nicholls Rivulet Rd (CT: 116957/2) to provide a preliminary wastewater assessment for the proposed development.

While the subject property is relatively large (approx. 1.9ha), there is only limited space available for development in the area between Nicholls Rivulet Rd and Oyster Cove Rivulet. The proximity to Oyster Cove Rivulet will be a main restriction for any onsite wastewater application and secondary treatment of effluent will be required. It is therefore recommended that an Aerated Wastewater Treatment System be installed, with treated effluent applied through subsurface irrigation.

The assessment the soil has been assigned Category 5. This is a conservative estimate based on inspection of nearby properties which have been a mix of Category 4 and Category 5 soils. Assigning Category 5 will ensure the application area indicated by this assessment will potentially be oversized as soil conditions may be more favourable. A Design Irrigation Rate (DIR) of 3mm/day has therefore been assigned for application of secondary treated effluent to a Category 5 soil.

The proposed three-bedroom dwelling will have a calculated maximum wastewater output of 600L/day. This is based on a tank water supply and a maximum occupancy of 5 people (120L/person/day). Using the DIR of 3mm/day, an irrigation area of 200m<sup>2</sup> will be required.

The following setback distances will be required to comply with Building Act 2016:

Upslope or level buildings: 3m

Downslope buildings: 6m

Upslope or level boundaries: 1.5m

Downslope boundaries: 7.5m

Downslope surface water: 15m

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While the proposed development will be exempt from E23 Onsite Wastewater Code of the Kingborough

Interim Planning Scheme 2015, it would be prudent to provide assessment of the setback distances outlined

in E23.10.1. It is expected that the proposed development would comply with the acceptable solutions for

setbacks to buildings (A1), boundaries (A3) downslope waterbores (A4), distance to groundwater (A5) and

separation to limiting layer (A6). The development would also comply with the requirements to

downslope surface water outlined by P2.

The Kingborough Council also require any onsite wastewater will need to be located within any assigned

bushfire hazard management area (if assigned) and away from trees of significance and clear from any

assigned tree protection zones (TPZ).

The provided site plan (attached) shows that 200m<sup>2</sup> of irrigation can be accommodated onsite and meet the

required setback distances to comply with both Building Act 2016 and be outside of any assigned TPZ of

the remaining trees. Therefore, it is our opinion that the proposed development will be able to provide a

land application area of sufficient size to accommodate the expected wastewater load of a three-bedroom

dwelling.

A detailed site inspection and wastewater design will be required prior to any plumbing permit being

granted.

Please contact me if you require any further information

Kind regards,

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