

5 June 2018

To: SEPP WATER MANAGER

LEVEL 10, 8 NICHOLSON STREET

EAST MELBOURNE

3002

RE: SEPP. DRAFT STATE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION POLICY (WATERS)

Dear Sir.

I am writing to you as I am concerned about the rapid introduction of waste dirt and silt and other waste that is introduced via storm and rain water into our drains, channels then finally into the Mordialloc Creek.

The Mordialloc Creek is once again in need of expensive dredging. Once in the creek it comes under a very strict and very costly process to remove and decontaminate it. Usually resulting in very costly treatment and cartage too far away tips.

It would be in the interest of all to reduce the supply into the creek by better earlier collection.

There are a number areas that are of particular concern:

1). Melbourne Water regards the supply channels as "drains". Not enough is being done to catch sediments upstream and the delinquency to just allow everything to flow through to the creek should be addressed. (See 2 photos of one of the Governor Road Drains. 1to East and one to West).

I estimate about 200 tons /cubic meters in these photos.

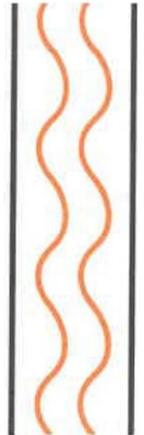
The cheapest method to remove and dispose of this material would be at this point.

The second drain crossing Governor Road is clear. All has been swept through to the creek.

The accumulated waste and soil should be removed at this point and not left to accumulate until a major storm flows this sediment through.

2) KINGSTON & DANDENONG COUNCILS. Should be doing more to remove soils from roads, gutters and street drains. They do some regular street sweeping but storm water drains seldom have residues trapped removed. Usually only when a trap saturates and blocked are they suction cleaned. Lawn edges are often trimmed and residue left in the gutters.

I have enclosed two photos of gutter residues in Boundary Road.



3) TIPS & COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WORKS. There has been a large amount of development around the Kingston (Mordialloc) and Dandenong South areas. Tighter control is needed with trucks and equipment entering our roads from these sites. (Again some photos enclosed),

In closing I reiterate that it would be much more cost efficient to reduce the feed into the creek.

I believe the appointed authorities need to be more active to improve the quality of our water by collecting all contaminants earlier.

I am a resident living close to the creek. Also a member of MMYC (Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club), MSC. (Mordialloc Sailing Club) and assist with the Mordialloc Creek Community Group. I am the Managing Director of ELV Recyclers with a 40 year commercial appreciation of the need to protect our environment and waterways.

We need all responsible parties to take up the challenge of protecting our water ways.

Reduce the waste into the system.

Yours faithfully

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PS. We had Dolphins up the creek again a few weeks ago. This has happened more often over the last 3 years.