



Sutherland Shire Environment Centre

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Expression of support for Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stormwater Drain Filters) Bill 2017 (SWDF Bill)

We write in support of the Local Government Legislation Amendment (Stormwater Drain Filters) Bill 2017 (SWDF Bill).

The Sutherland Shire Environment Centre (SSEC) is an independent, not for profit community organisation that was established in 1991. SSEC has been active in cleaning and protecting waterways and beaches of our region for decades, most notably through our sub-group Sustainable Organisations of the Sutherland Shire (SO Shire) and the Plastic Free Sutherland Shire campaign. Countless volunteer hours have been spent cleaning Shire waterways and beaches of debris that should never have ended up there in the first place.

We support the SWDF Bill and specifically the placing of a 'filter' at the kerb pit inlet to provide an additional method of litter capture, thus preventing tonnes of litter from entering the stormwater system. The current filter system has been shown to be not fit for purpose and, in the absence of a ban on single use plastics, the SWDF Bill will provide much needed protection for our waterways, beaches and oceans.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Sutherland Shire Environment Centre