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Dear Mr Rush

### **FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND DRAINAGE STRATEGY**

I refer to your letters of 6 February 2007 and 1 March 2007 inviting feedback on the issues raised in the Port Phillip and Westernport Flood Management and Drainage Strategy Discussion Paper.

I also wish to acknowledge receipt of the outcomes of the forums held on 20 March and 22 March 2007.

Melbourne Water is to be commended for providing a simple, clear document about flooding and the planning and response required. The issues raised in the forums are also valuable matters to be considered in the development of a draft Strategy.

It is considered that there needs to be greater reference to Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) as a planning mechanism in the draft Strategy. WSUD is a valuable tool in improving the management of flood events and can be used to counter the adverse effects of increased flooding due to denser development in established areas.

I look forward to receiving the draft Strategy for comment in due course.

If you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Gordon Duncan, Principal Engineer Infrastructure, on 9658 8542.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Robinson".

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