CORRESPONDENCE FOR OFF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 02/05/2016

OUTWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

Mark Coure – IPART Draft Report on Review of prices for Sydney Water Corporation 2016-2020 – we're disappointed there are very few incentives to SWC to improve wastewater systems and reduce their impact on the environment, by way of charging and pricing mechanisms. Please tell colleagues in State Parliament of OFF's continuing concerns regarding Sydney Water Corporation's inadequate infrastructure and strategies for managing wastewater (emailed 8/4/16; response 18/4/16 - Mark has since "written to the Minister on your behalf and in light of the concerns and issues you have raised with me")

Qld Premier – appalled that Qld Government has approved the Carmichael Mine project; development of the mine and rail and port infrastructure will be an environmental disaster for Galilee Basin and Great Barrier Reef; prospect of 4,000-5,000 jobs being generated is wildly optimistic and short-term, it ignores the loss of tourism jobs far into the future if the Great Barrier Reef's viability is compromised (posted 11/4/16)

Marine Estate Management Authority (MEMA) – submission on Hawkesbury Shelf Marine Bioregion Assessment (sent online 14/4/16)

KCC – Co-ordinator Parks & Recreation – please quickly plant replacement native shrubs or trees outside 64 Rosa Street; we recommend KCC follow Sutherland Shire Council's example by planting 4 or 5 replacements for every tree removed, protecting them with wire cages and watering and maintaining them until maturity (posted 13/4/16)

HCC – congratulations on modifying kerbing and guttering in Douglas Haig St to accommodate large gum on nature strip; please plant replacement saplings of native trees in Steamroller Park (posted 18/4/16)

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE:

One membership renewal

HCC - Mayoral Ball cancelled due to proposed amalgamation of Council, which could occur before middle of the year

Deb Andrew – significant (2733 ha) crown land additions to Capertee NP were gazetted on Friday 8th April

Dorothy Humphrey – thanks for OFF's condolences on death of Alf; "keep up the great work you do defending our beautiful environment"

Lock the Gate – fliers, stickers etc protesting against CSG, coal mining

JOURNALS & NEWSLETTERS:

NCC Member News email 14 April 2016
Friends of Bats Newsletter March 2016
Hut News April 2016