# **Ensuring Water Sensitive Urban Design Succeeds**

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#### **Success Factors:**

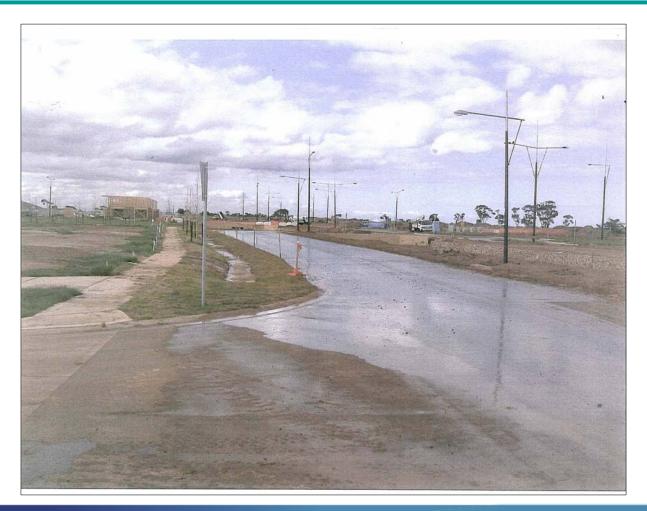
- Physical
  - Design
  - Construction
  - Maintenance

Political



#### Construction:

- Understand how to construct WSUD
- Adherence to Environmental Management Plan
- Two year maintenance period to allow for planting to establish



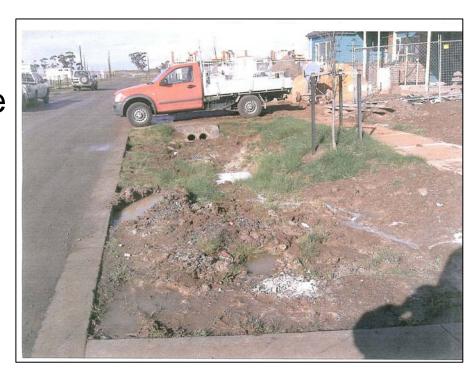






### **Construction – Residential Development**

- Implement an
   Environmental
   Management Plan during
   house construction phase
  - Defer construction of WSUD
  - Delay planting
  - Fence-off WSUD to protect





# **Construction – Residential Development Contd...**

- Silt control around building sites
- Protect swales with sacrifical geofabric cover
- Provide temporary silt ponds
- Controls on builders



#### Maintenance

- WSUD costs \$'s to maintain
- Swales
  - Planted \$5.50/m²/yr
  - Grassed 6 cents/m²/yr
  - Reconstruction \$120 \$160/m
- Wetlands
  - \$40-50,000/wetland/yr



#### **Maintenance Contd...**

- Understand maintenance implications & responsibilities
  - Determine who is responsible for maintenance



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- Understand maintenance implications & responsibilities
  - Consider how treatments can be maintained







#### **Political:**

#### WSUD is:

- Costly to build
- Costly to maintain
- No immediate benefits
- Is not sexy
- Gets no votes



# **Lollipop Creek Wetland**

Total Cost - \$2 m

Stage 1 - \$500,000

Annual Maintenance: \$50-\$100,000





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# **Lollipop Creek – Stage 1 Boardwalk**



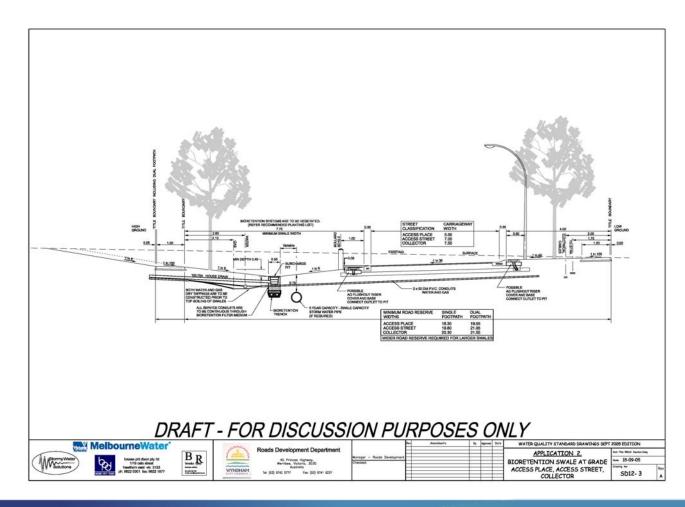


## **WSUD Swale in Roads**





#### **Bio Retention Swale**





#### **WSUD Sales in Roads**

- Widened road reserve by 4-5 metres
- Reduced developable land by 3-4%
- Additional \$5,000 \$6,000 per lot
- Maintenance \$70 \$100/lot/year
- 6-9% rate increase





















#### Conclusion

- Understand the maintenance implications and cost
- Integrate WSUD into overall developments

