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Dear Ms Grove

**Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility (SSD 6236)  
Comment on the amended Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

I refer to your email of 21 December 2016 to the Department of Primary Industries (DPI) in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from relevant divisions of DPI. Views were also sought from NSW Department of Industry - Lands that are now a division of the broader Department and no longer within NSW DPI. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to [landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

DPI provides the following comments and recommendations regarding key issues for consideration in assessment of the proposal:

- The riparian corridor along the Ropes Creek Tributary should be protected and rehabilitated with fully structured local native vegetation (trees, shrubs and groundcover species). DPI recommends the riparian corridor width is consistent with the Precinct Plan.
- The proponent should provide further details regarding the potential salinity impacts of constructing the basin in the riparian corridor if high salinity levels are found in the area.
- In relation to groundwater the proposed mitigation measures should include a program of baseline groundwater monitoring prior to commencement of works. Monitoring should be continued during construction and during the operation phase of the project. The monitoring should relate to water levels and water quality and be used to develop a Trigger Action Response Plan for any adverse events.
- Should dewatering for temporary construction works exceed 3 ML/year, the proponent must obtain a licence from DPI Water under Part 5 of the *Water Act 1912*. If groundwater is proposed to be used during construction or operation details should be provided on what it is proposed to be used for and the estimated volume of water to be used. Any abstraction of groundwater for commercial use will require a Water Access Licence.

Yours sincerely

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**Director, Planning Policy & Assessment Advice**  
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